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COMMUNITY SPREAD OF COVID IN SOME STATES, ADMITS GOVT

The Centre for the first time admitted on Sunday that the dreaded community spread has occurred in some states

LIMITED TO CERTAIN DISTRICTS: HARSH VARDHAN

Union health minister Harsh Vardhan said, "Community transmission is limited to certain districts, occurring in a limited number of states." In pockets of various states, including West Bengal, community transmission is "expected to occur", especially in dense areas, the minister said. On virus mutation, Vardhan said it has not been detected in India as yet | P7

'KERALA PAYING PRICE FOR NEGLIGENCE'

- The minister criticised Kerala for its spike in virus cases, saying the state is paying "the price for gross negligence" during Onam
- He said Kerala's experience ought to serve as "a good lesson" for all the state govts, especially in view of the looming festival season. He urged people to follow Covid-19 guidelines religiously

61,871

FRESH CORONAVIRUS CASES REPORTED IN INDIA ON SUNDAY

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ WARANGAL ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

EXPRESS READ

Govt unlikely to extend credit plan for MSMEs

New Delhi: The government is unlikely to extend the Rs 3 lakh crore-Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSME sector beyond October even though the sanctioned amount so far is only nearly 65 per cent of the target, according to sources.

CRPF man, civilian hurt in grenade attack in J&K

Srinagar: A CRPF assistant sub-inspector and a civilian were injured as militants hurled a grenade at security forces in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir, on Sunday. ASI Asim Ali and a civilian, Mehraj-ud-Din Sheikh, sustained minor injuries.

Man kills one, injures 5 in stabbing spree in B'luru

Bengaluru: A man, suspected to be mentally unstable, went on a stabbing spree on the streets of West Bengaluru on Sunday, killing one and injuring five others. M Ganesh, aged about 35 years, and a daily-wage worker has been arrested. The deceased Maari (30) was also a labourer. P5

WITH THIS ISSUE

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Anxious villagers watch as the water level in the Bhima river rises at the Devalgaon bridge in Azfalpur taluk in Kalaburagi district on Sunday | KPN

N-K'TAKA STILL IN FLOOD GRIP

The flood situation remained grim on Sunday in four districts of Karnataka with the Krishna and Bhima rivers in spate. A total of 111 villages in Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur and Vijayapura districts have been affected by the floods, caused by heavy rain and water released from dams in Maharashtra. CM B S Yediyurappa will undertake an aerial survey of the affected districts on Wednesday | P4

Difficult time for democracy: Cong

Sonia assails the Centre, says it is bartering away people's interests to crony capitalists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

LAUNCHING a broadside against the Centre, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Sunday said it was systematically bartering away the interests of citizens at the altar of profiteering by a handful of crony capitalists, hurting the Constitution and India's democratic traditions.

In her first address to party general secretaries, in-charges as also members and invitees of the reconstituted Congress Working Committee, she urged the cadre to defeat the autocratic designs of the ruling BJP. "Your responsibility is even more onerous as our democracy is passing through its most tumultuous times," she emphasised.

Referring to the party's campaign against the farm reform laws, Sonia said: "The current BJP government has attacked the very foundation of our resilient agrarian economy by bringing in three anti-agriculture black laws. A conspiracy has been hatched to defeat the gains of the 'Green Revolution'."

Nearly 14 crore jobs have been lost. SMEs, small shopkeepers and other small enterprises are shutting, yet the government remains a mute spectator

Sonia Gandhi

Claiming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had no strategic thinking on tackling Covid-19, she said the stark truth is that a PM who promised to defeat corona within 21 days, has abdicated responsibility towards the citizens.

The government has simultaneously demolished the economy, she alleged. "Today, the young have no jobs. Nearly 14 crore jobs have been lost. SMEs, small shopkeepers and other small enterprises are shutting, yet the government remains a mute spectator."

20,000 vacancies cripple K'taka police

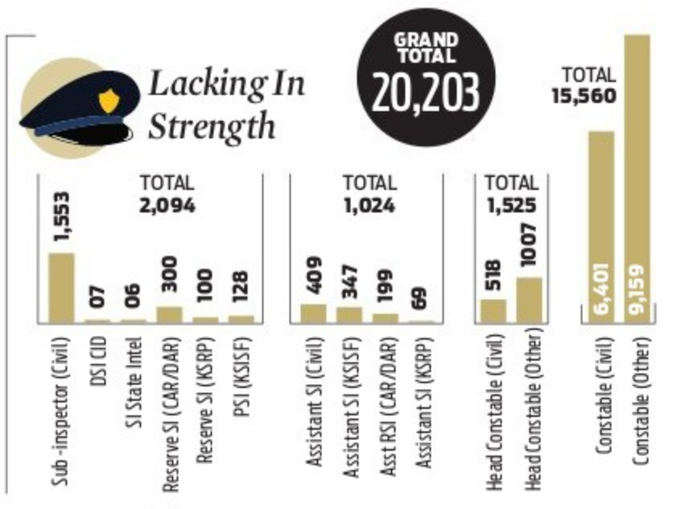
BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Police force has been stretched beyond its capacities with a huge shortage of over 20,000 personnel in various ranks, the bulk of vacancies being at the crucial constabulary level. The Covid-19 situation has only made matters worse with no recruitment happening.

The police force, at present, has a total of 20,203 unfilled vacancies, with 15,560 of them in the constabulary, which can hamper anti-terror operations, intelligence gathering, anti-Naxal and other sensitive operations. The police force has been traditionally about 1.08 lakh-strong, and posts falling vacant due to retirement of personnel were filled up with regular recruitment drives.

Recruitment is usually conducted for four levels — Constable, Sub-Inspector, Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent of Police — but this has been frozen for now, leaving the force with a huge shortage of personnel for many months now.

Retired officers and experts pointed out that, given the current situation, the personnel are overworked and overburdened. CONTINUED ON: P5



K'TAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

- **7,012** Positive cases on Sunday
- **1,09,264** Active cases so far
- **10,478** TOTAL DEATHS
- **6,45,825** TOTAL RECOVERIES
- **7,65,586** TOTAL CASES

• FULL COVERAGE P3

Firms fleecing us on oxygen, say pvt hospitals

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

OXYGEN manufacturers are asking hospitals to cough up higher prices for medical oxygen, and are threatening to stop supply if they do not pay the increased rates, according to the Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association (PHANA).

The association has written to the Drugs Controller of the state Drugs Control Department on October 14 complaining about abnormal and exorbitant increase in prices of oxygen supplied to hospitals by manufacturers, during the Covid-19 pandemic. While there is no shortage of oxygen supply now, as was the case in August, the issue now is with the pricing.

The letter also stated that the prices quoted by the manufacturers is higher than that fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority. "This is to bring to your notice that M/s Praxair/Linde have increased the prices for supply of liquid medical oxygen and oxygen cylinders to hospitals. The existing price is Rs 16 per cubic metre plus Rs 5 freight charges and 12 per cent taxes, which adds up to Rs 23.52. The revised price is Rs 16 plus Rs 5 plus, an extra Rs 15, and 12 per cent tax, which adds up to Rs 40.32," the letter signed by Dr R Ravindra, president of PHANA, reads.

The letter cites a gazette notification by the Department of Pharmaceuticals under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, dated September 25, which has capped the price of liquid medical oxygen at Rs 15.22 per cubic metre and that of oxygen inhalation medicinal gas in cylinder at Rs 25.71 per cubic metre. CONTINUED ON: P5

BIHAR ELECTIONS

Few takers for buses & choppers, LED TVs a rage

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

THIS election season, Bihar is missing its VIP choppers as well as hordes of buses used for ferrying crowds to political rallies. The traditional 'business' of elections has almost come to a halt as the state goes to polls amid the pandemic. Yet, guess who is happy? The LED TV and screen shop owners, as virtual rallies have made a smart entry into the scene.

In the 2015 Assembly polls, 32 helicopters were booked by political parties, including 16 by the BJP. This time around, only 11 have been hired — six by BJP and the rest by the JD(U) and others. "Party rallies are limited for the three-phase polls. The focus is on virtual rallies through digital platforms," says a senior BJP leader. Money thus saved is being used for renting big LED screens and other platforms, he adds.

A single-engine helicopter is available for hire anywhere between ₹80,000 and 1.5 lakh per hour depending on its seating capacity. Hiring a twin-engine chopper can cost around ₹4 lakh. At present, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and BJP chief JP Nadda are the only ones travelling by helicopters to address rallies.

Uday Kumar Singh, president of Bihar Motor Transporters Federation, says virtual rallies have reduced the bus renting business to almost 2% compared with the 2015 and 2019 elections. Compared to around 35,000 big passenger buses hired in 2015 polls and 40,000 in the 2019 elections, this time, just100 buses have been booked so far: "This year, hardly any party has approached us for buses," says Singh. P8

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DASARA DAMPENER

Flowers? Out of reach this festive season

Buyers crowd around a jasmine vendor at a market in Mysuru on Sunday. The price of the flower has hit a high in recent days | UDAYSHANKAR S

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THIS festival season, the flowers, which are essential for puja and decorations, seem to be out of the reach of consumers. The price of the fragrant Mysuru Mallige (jasmine) and other flowers have gone up four to five times. The skyrocketing prices are worrying both the consumers and the vendors.

Jasmine which was sold at Rs 250 per kg is now a prohibitive Rs 1,500. The price of Kanakambara has jumped four times -- from Rs 200 per kg last week to Rs 800 on Sunday. Rose too which was sold at Rs 20 per kg is now Rs 240. And the gloomy news is that the prices are expected to further shoot up on Ayudha Puja and Vijayadashami when the demand will outstrip supply.

Marigold and chrysanthemum are in great demand too on Ayudha Puja. These flowers, grown extensively in Panadavapura, KR Pet, Nagamanagala and Malvalli, are also destroyed by heavy rains and the resultant waterlogging in the fields.

The farmers are not benefiting either. In fact, during April and May, every day, desperate flower farmers plucked around 60 lakh flowers and threw them away. This was because they had no takers due to the strict nationwide containment measures amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Today, the farmers are in a similar situation as the rains have destroyed the crop. CONTINUED ON: P2

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ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 19/10/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Nija Ashwayuja • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Thrutheeya 6.35 pm
Nakshatra: Vishaka 10.52 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

MYSURU WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.13 am
Sunset 5.58 pm
Moonrise 8.34 am
Moonset 8.24 pm

A BIG HIT

Universities, MLAs adopt 1,414 schools

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@Bengaluru

THE 'Adopt a School' initiative, where Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) adopt three government schools in their respective constituencies to improve them, has become a hit. The principal proponent, M R Doreswamy, adviser (education reforms), said, "So far, 1,414 government schools have been adopted under the initiative."

The scheme was recommended in February 2020, to improve the condition of government schools.

In an interesting development, as many as 25 universities (state and private), including Mangalore University, RGUHS, Tumakuru University, University of Mysore, NITTE University, PES University, Reva University, adopted 10 schools each.

The government has now approached 200 IT companies, with a request to adopt 100 government schools each under the CSR funding scheme. They have also created a list of 10 priority areas with a guide for private players who want to donate and help develop the schools. The current requirements in government schools include safe drinking water, toilets for boys and girls, teachers, classrooms, library, computers, furniture, stability of physical infrastructure, compound and repairs and painting.

The adviser has invited philanthropists to contact his office, on 080-22133678, if interested in adopting a school in their vicinity.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has adopted 10 schools, DyCMs Govind Karjol and Laxman Savadi have adopted five schools each, and DyCM Dr Ashwath Narayan has adopted eight schools. As many as 213 schools have been adopted by MLCs and 135 by MPs.

PG medicos want non-Covid duty experience

Say they have not learnt anything but Covid treatment since pandemic broke out

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

Many PG students working as resident doctors in various hospitals have one grouse: they have been only on Covid duty and did not get any significant clinical experience.

Postgraduation plays an important role in shaping the career of medical students. Three years of PG gives maximum learning exposure to choose further sub-speciality courses. However, the resident doctors said that since the pandemic broke out nearly eight months ago, they have not learnt any special skills. Without any clinical experience, they may find it difficult to treat patients in future, they said.

The resident doctors even submitted a letter recently to the Bangalore Medical College Research Institute (BMCRI) dean and director, on the grievances of the PG students. They are awaiting the dean's reply.

Dr Dayanand Sagar, who is former president of Karnataka Resident Doctors' Association, and is doing his PG from BMCRI said that since the pandemic struck, some hospitals like Bowring and Victoria, which were converted into Covid hospitals, stopped treating non-Covid patients. This has also stopped us from treating them and gaining practical knowledge. If this goes on for long, we will not have any competent doctors."

"While on Covid duty, we do not learn anything as it's the same treatment protocol, where we give patients medicine and check on saturation levels," he added.

> For the PG students, clinical practical experience is very important as they get to perform surgeries based on the course they are specialising in
>
> Dr Dayanand Sagar, BMCRI PG student

Their other grievance relates to fees. The students stated that in Maharashtra, the academic fees has been waived during the Covid period. But in Karnataka, students are asked to pay the fees.

"Though we are not learning anything academic since Covid-19 struck, we are still being asked to pay fees for this year. The government needs to think and start all non-Covid services for us to start our practice. Especially the surgical branches have barely had any experience in the past seven months," said a second year PG student.

A final year student from Mysore Medical College said, "The postgraduates of 2019-20 have not been given sub-speciality postings. How can we think of super speciality, if there is no insight into sub-specialities?"

Easier access to loos in Metro Phase-2

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

A much needed amenity is in store for Metro commuters across the 61 stations in Phase-II. Public toilets will be located in the concourse area for easy access. The facility to cross over between roads using elevated Metro stations as a foot overbridge and the opening up of entry and exit stations into service lanes outside the stations, will mean a big boost for pedestrian connectivity.

The first of the stations to be unveiled with these amenities will be the five elevated stations of Konankunte Cross (earlier Anjanapura Cross Road), Doddakallasandra, Vajrahalli, Thalaghattapura and Anjanapura of the Reach 4B Line, which are awaiting clearance from the Metro Rail Safety Commissioner to become operational.

The biggest grouse that public had in Phase-I stations was the location of the toilets, for which one had to walk a long distance. Stations like MG Road Metro Station had the restrooms on the main road outside the station.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) Managing Director Ajay Seth told TNIE, "In Phase-I toilets meant for staff were repurposed for commuters. In Phase-2, toilets are built for commuters and staff can also use them. That is why the location is within the paid area of the station that is easily accessible."

BMRCL Chief Public Relations Officer B L Yashvanth Chavan said each station will have a toilet each for men, women and the physically challenged. "The toilets in Phase-I area were within the operational area and hence it was located inside," he said.

Out of the 61 stations, 12 would be underground. Chavan said the stations will permit public who want to cross roads on different sides to do so using the station as an FOB.

"All the automatic fare collection gates are being designed in such a way that they will accept the National Common Mobility Card and will be QR compliant. The entry and exit stations will lead one only to the service lanes. There will be bus bays at all stations," he added.

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT TORCH

With only three days left for Durga Pooja, artists in Sultan Palya are busy trying to fulfil orders on Sunday. Dozens of artists from West Bengal make Bengaluru their home for four months a year, but this year due to the pandemic, very few artists have flown into the city | MEGHANA SASTRY

EXPRESS READ

Missing gold: CBI books 6 officials

Six Customs officials were booked by CBI in connection with the disappearance of 2.6 kg gold, which was allegedly seized from a warehouse in KIA. The CBI has registered an FIR against Vinod Chinnappa and K Keshav, both assistant commissioners of Customs and Central Excise, KB Lingaraju, Dean Rex, NJ Ravishekar, 3 Superintendents of Central Tax and SD Hiremath, recently. The case is related to the gold seized from passengers between 8 June 2012 and 26 March 2014. The Directorate General of Vigilance of Hyderabad zonal unit of Customs department conducted an inquiry and found that the valuables went missing while these six officials were on duty. **ENS**

Subbanarasimhachar passes away at 93

S Subbanarasimhachar (93) breathed his last at 10 am at his residence in Basavanagudi on Saturday. He died due to age-related ailments. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, daughters in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was the father of Sudheendra Rao, a former manager of The New Indian Express Group and Gururaja Rao, retired director, State Bank of Mysuru. **ENS**

Heavy rain in parts of Karnataka affects flower supply

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

SHIVANANJAPPA, a farmer, said that they had expected a bumper yield and also good prices during the Navaratri this week and the coming Deepavali festival. But the rain has not only flattened the plants but have also hit the plucking of flowers in some places.

Gajendra, another flower grower, said that they could not send spatika or jasmine to meet the demand in Tirupati or the temples in Dakshina Kannada as the widespread rain has damaged the flower plants leaving them in the lurch. He said that prices will further go up if there is rain in the next couple of days.

Mysuru market, which normally receives around 1,000 kg jasmines a day, is getting less

than 300kg, leading to the steep rise in the price. The market gets flowers from T Narsipur, Heggadevana Kote, parts of Mysuru taluk and KR Pet in Mandya and Sathyamangalam in Erode district (Tamil Nadu). But the heavy rains in the old Mysuru region and in parts of neighbouring Tamil Nadu, resulted in the drastic reduction in the supply as harvesting has been affected.

Sometimes flower merchants create artificial scarcity to push Ooty jasmine which has a better shelf life, say growers. But with non-stop rains in Ooty and Nilgiris, the export of Ooty jasmine to Mysuru and Bengaluru markets has been hit.

Amid this withering of hopes, there are reports that many farmers growing flowers have switched over to short-term horticulture crops like brinjal, tomato and other vegetables.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19th October: I was taking another look at the latest plans to send a probe to Pluto, the most distant planet in our solar system. We used to think it was alone. But then some astronomers don't think it is planet at all, just a glorified moon. Now we reckon we've discovered that it has six-hundred similar, though smaller, neighbours, all jostling for attention. It's enough to drive astrologers mad!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The fact that Mercury and Venus are loosely challenging your sign should be positive for your plans and partnerships, and amazing gains are promised to Ariens who thrive on challenge. You must stick with practical responsibilities, even if your first instinct is to run away.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's Moon is deeply favourable, which is bound to help you in almost any venture. There's a golden rule though, and that's to be as diplomatic as you possibly can. Travel plans should go well, and you can afford to indulge your heart's desire in love. Don't hold back!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Cash plans require a little extra scrutiny, although there is good news on the way. If you're involved in the property market, or otherwise making large domestic purchases, you should be on the right course. But keep a close eye on changing conditions or you might be caught out.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You always tend to make mountains out of molehills. However, sometimes that is a good thing, for only if you exaggerate small events will you conjure up the grand ambitions which are necessary for a truly fulfilled life. A little imagination can go a long way.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Financial conditions still look decidedly positive and will continue to do so for some time. Meanwhile, it will do you good to check practical details and uncover inefficiency. Romantic plans take a turn for the better, and you will soon find that you were right about a particular person.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The Sun, Mercury and Jupiter are now flying through your chart like a flock of exotic birds, revealing wisdom, good fortune and pressure for change, although not necessarily in that order. Let yourself go, and investigate prospects which once seemed beyond your grasp.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
If you are confused, it's because you are trying too hard to understand a world which is completely irrational! Do yourself a favour, lie back and let your dreams carry you to new lands. You never know - you might come up with some utterly brilliant ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are still inclined to keep your feelings to yourself, much as you may wish to brag and bluster about other areas of your life. Actually, it would do you good to show off a bit, rather than always being so humble. I mean, if you don't blow your own trumpet, nobody else will!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
A remarkable line-up of planets indicates that career interests are becoming more important, although you'll have difficulty combining existing domestic commitments with new working responsibilities. You need to be noticed! But then, why not?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Are you sure you want to accept what is on offer, or do you want to hold out for the best? There could be a third option, and if you are extremely fleet of foot you may actually be able to have your cake and eat it. Sometimes you get what you deserve!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You have a few private fears and secret worries, as you are only too aware. Today's planets highlight your inner insecurity, but give you the chance to overcome your lack of confidence and lay foundations for the future. A little courage will come in handy.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Partners seem to be in a triumphant mood. It isn't important whether they have anything to be pleased about or not. Your only concern should be to put your own doubts to one side and be happy for them. You might just find that they take you more seriously in future.

THE PHANTOM

NOW, THEN! TELL ME ALL ABOUT SCHOOL. I INSIST ON KNOWING EVERYTHING!
SCHOOL'S GREAT, MRS. PANT. COULDN'T BE BETTER!
KADA'S THE BRAIN ON CAMPUS...
AND SHE'S BEEN WORKING MORE HOURS THAN I HAVE AT CAFE GLOBO!
DE HAUL + MANLEY
Falk 8/19

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

BOSS, I'M TIRED OF YOU REFERRING TO MY REPORTS AS DISASTERS!
HMM
YOU'RE RIGHT, I'M SORRY. I FORGOT DEBACLES, FIASCOS, AND MONSTROSITIES
HOW DID IT GO?
GOOD! HE SAID HE WAS SORRY

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

			9		4		7	
8	7							5
	4			7	8			
		3	1	6				2
	9						8	
4				5	2	3		
			6	8			3	
2							5	1
	5		3		1			

MEDIUM

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

3	1	9	5	7	4	6	2	8
5	7	8	2	6	1	9	4	3
2	4	6	8	3	9	1	7	5
7	3	1	9	4	8	5	6	2
6	2	4	1	5	7	3	8	9
8	9	5	3	2	6	7	1	4
4	5	7	6	8	3	2	9	1
9	6	2	4	1	5	8	3	7
1	8	3	7	9	2	4	5	6

JUMBLE
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

UNEEV

FEYBE

INCIOC

SNIVHA

SOAR WAT
I've never seen you play the lottery.
I wasn't planning on it, but why not?
7/22
SHE DIDN'T PLAN ON PURCHASING A LOTTERY TICKET, BUT DID IT ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FUSSY EVOKE MULLET HOTTER
Answer: The restaurant's all-you-can-eat buffet was being enjoyed — TO THE FULLEST

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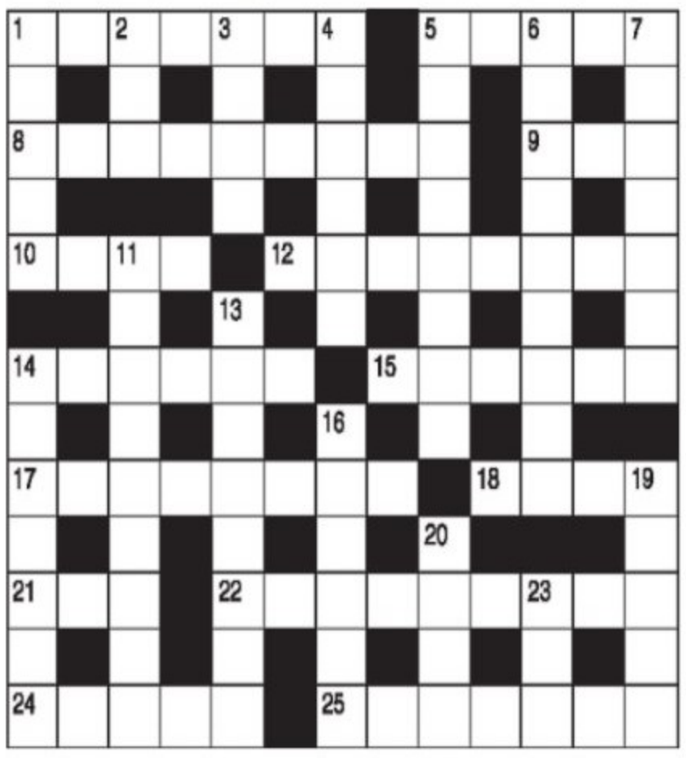
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Warm drink with a fruity flavour (7)
5 Minister of the armed forces (5)
8 Disagreeing about one point, tongue-in-cheek (9)
9 The senator's middle name (3)
10 Stock check (4)
12 Bethlehem visitors can include one conjurer (8)
14 The sadness of Father Thomas (6)
15 Girl out of breath (6)
17 Allowed income? (8)
18 At heart somebody akin to a Malaysian (4)
21 Make fun of Eve's origins (3)
22 He is trained to come up with constructive ideas (9)
24 Choose to act democratically (5)
25 Where to see women in retreat (7)

DOWN

1 In which one may buy cups of tea or French coffees (5)
2 Bird seen in September, October (3)
3 Jot down the first nine letters (4)
4 Cleaning brush barely used (6)
5 Hobbies make time pass (8)
6 Work in the surgery, yet Dr isn't involved (9)
7 Result of converting sea into land (7)
11 Good French is written so I can follow it (9)
13 Final bid to secure an agreement? (8)
14 It was plain to early American settlers (7)
16 Find company in one churchman or another (6)
19 Girl in the pool (5)
20 Make one's name as a traffic controller perhaps (4)
23 Look up and down (3)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

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The Karnataka forest department is assessing the movement of vehicles passing through Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and is working on introducing time-stamped tickets to prevent wild animals from being run over

Post recovery, 'brain fog' afflicts Covid patients

Some people who recovered said they later felt confusion, dizziness, short-term memory loss; treatment still an experiment, say doctors

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

DOCTORS in multiple hospitals are attempting to treat the mystery 'brain fog' experienced by some people who recover from Covid-19.

Patients reported symptoms like short-term memory loss, trouble concentrating and focusing on tasks they normally do with ease, dizziness and confusion. In some instances, patients also suffer from neurological symptoms such as Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), in which the body's immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system.

"We saw two male patients in their 40s, senior executives who were previously mentally active, suffering memory loss in late September, after they were discharged from hospital in August, post Covid recovery," said Dr T R Hemkumar, consultant of internal medicine at Sakra World Hospital.

They were not able to read and write easily, focus on work, read newspapers, do puzzles or work as they did before. However, memory loss is not quantifiable on a cognitive scale, like mild, moderate or severe.

Doctors at Aster R V Hospital have seen Covid patients return one or two months after recovery with complaints of memory loss, fatigue, dizziness, confusion, excess sleepiness and GBS, which causes sudden weakness in the limbs, leading to inability to walk and stumbling while walking, which can last for weeks.

"For example, they get confused between day and night. They forget people's names, what they ate that morning, forget to brush their teeth, etc. Most of these symptoms were observed in patients above 60 years, with comorbidities. One patient with Parkinson's Disease who had no memory issues, developed memory loss after recovering from Covid," said Dr Sreenkanta Swamy, head of neurology at Aster Hospital.

Causes unknown

Doctors the world over have come across such cases but there isn't enough research to pinpoint the causes.

One possibility is that it is caused by encephalopathy, a disease of the brain (caused by bacteria or virus) that alters its structure or function, said Dr Hemkumar. Another is encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) seen in high-risk patients admitted in the ICU, he said.

"Both encephalopathy and encephalitis could present in a mild form in patients when infected with Covid-19, and more significantly post recovery. Another possible cause could be hypoxia, (low oxygen levels), which can affect brain function," he said.

Dr Swamy said that fatigue, weakness and confusion could also be caused by the prolonged use of steroids which are sometimes administered to Covid-19 patients. "The hypothesis for possible causes is either the effect of such drugs or a result of the corona infection itself, neither of which have been proven scientifically yet," Dr Swamy said.

Some studies suggest that Covid-19 affects the frontal lobe of the brain, which deals with data processing, attention and repetition.

Treatment

At present doctors are treating symptoms, says Dr Sreekanta Swamy. "We are hoping it works. We have to wait and watch," he said. Dr P R Krishnan, consultant neurologist at Fortis Hospital, who has treated three such patients, said, "We don't know how long these symptoms will last, it's new to all of us. There is no particular treatment, medication includes Vitamin C and zinc tablets," he said.

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EXPRESS READ

Scribe succumbs to coronavirus

MYSURU: Pavan Hethur, a 35-year-old journalist with a Kannada daily, succumbed to coronavirus on Sunday morning. Pavan had earlier worked in several dailies and news channels. He tested positive on September 28 and was under treatment at a private hospital where he breathed his last. Condoling his death, District Minister S T Somashekhar said his death was unfortunate, particularly at a young age. **ENS**

K'taka to see 10 lakh cases by Nov 12

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KARNATAKA will cross the 10 lakh Covid-positive cases, and Bengaluru 4.2 lakh by November 12, while the total number of lives claimed by the pandemic would touch 12,800 in the state, projected an estimate by a private firm.

The predictions were made by Jeevan Raksha, an initiative of management consultancy firm Proxima. The 12 high-prevalence states, which include Karnataka, will collectively contribute over 70% of total Covid cases and 77 % of total deaths in the country.

"The Test Positivity Rate (TPR) has not reduced for over 10 weeks, meaning the virus is spreading faster and wider in the state. As per the current trend, Karnataka's cases are likely to increase by 35-40%," said Sanjeev Mysore, convener of the Jeevan Raksha project.

Till the lockdown 4.0, Karnataka conducted only 19% tests and contributed only 2% of positive cases and deaths. However, in Unlock 1.0-2.0 deaths and cases in the state shot up to 98% and tests to 81%. "The surge in mortality during Unlock 1.0 and 2.0 was primarily due to poor testing. It has now led to panic testing, but we need accurate testing," he said.

Health workers at a BBMP test camp in Vijayanagar on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Dr Giridhar R Babu, Head of Lifecourse Epidemiology at the Public Health Foundation of India, said that to reduce TPR, "Increased testing using Rapid Antigen Tests by following a syndromic approach is the first step. Also, the proportion of RT-PCRs should be increased for all symptomatic who test negative in RAT. Each district should be assessed in terms of testing strategy and numbers till we reach optimum levels of test positivity."

Demand for critical med infra

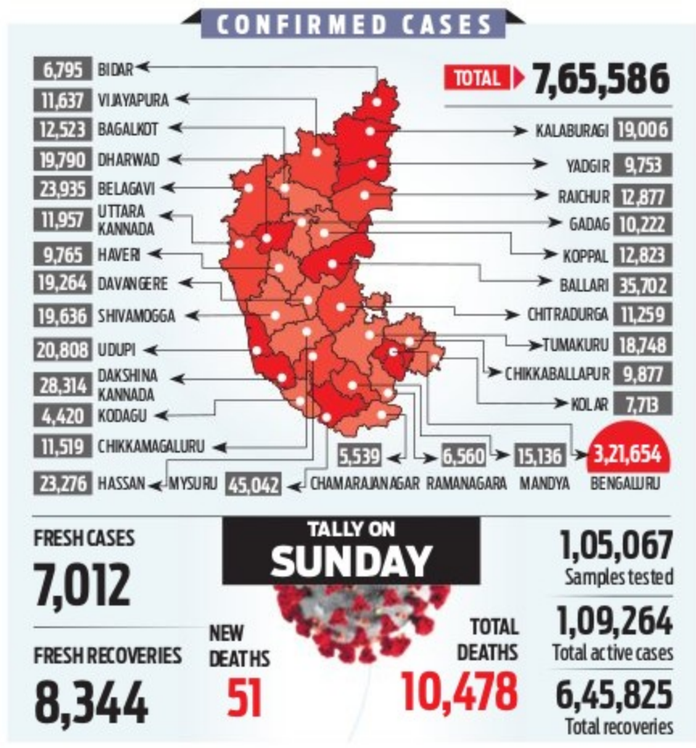
The projections revealed that the surge will lead to an increase in demand for critical medical infrastructure. "Karnataka might require 22,500 oxygen beds, 16,800 ICU beds, and 11,200 ventilators over the next three to six weeks," Sanjeev said.

Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare, said, "In the past week, positive cases have come down and the postivity rate graph is declining. This is only because we are testing in high numbers and identifying and isolating people early. Now with strict enforcement of masks, we are seeing reduced numbers. We have created enough infrastructure at taluk and district hospitals."

B'luru to see 4.2L cases

Bengaluru Urban has the maximum number of active cases among cities and has an 8% share of total active cases in India. The number of cases is likely to increase to 4.2 lakh and Bengaluru Urban might require 13,000 oxygen beds, 10,000 ICU beds and 6,500 ventilators in the next four-six weeks.

Randeep D, BBMP Public Health In-charge, said, "We have been conducting over 35,000 tests daily. We have increased the number of private Covid hospitals from 31 to 49. Soon, more ICU beds are going to be added at government hospitals. Right now, we have the infrastructure and are also ramping up."



72 TEST +VE IN CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga: The district on Sunday reported 72 Covid-19 positive cases taking the total number of patients to 10,529. District surveillance officer Dr Tulasi Ranganath said out of 10,529 patients, 10,117 were discharged from hospitals upon recovery. As many as 51 people died and 360 active cases are undergoing treatment. **ENS**

State sets up O_2 monitoring panel

A Health and Family Welfare department circular stated a dashboard has been developed by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) for capturing details of oxygen consumption at all government and private medical establishments on daily basis. Committees comprising additional deputy commissioner, district health and family welfare officer, district surgeon, district coordinator and assistant district drug controller, and drug control department, will monitor uploaded details of oxygen consumption at the district-level. **ENS**

RAILWAY HOSPITAL TO RAMP UP COVID FACILITIES

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

The Railway Hospital a designated Covid Care Centre located behind the KSR Railway Station is getting a major upgrade as Covid cases rise. Two oxygen storage tanks are in the process of being set up.

Divisional Railway Manager of Bengaluru, Ashok Kumar Verma, said, "We have tested nearly 5,000 of our staffers and 1,000 have tested positive. Of them, 210 are active cases with 85 in the Railway Hospital and the rest in home isolation."

There have been 25 deaths so far in the Bengaluru Division due to Covid-19. "We had 32 staffers testing positive at the Krishnarajapuram loco shed after we carried out tests," the DRM added.

The Railway Hospital CCC now has 40 ward beds, 14 ICU beds, 24/7 ambulance services, radiology and laboratory services. A critical care team of doctors for ICU patients, apart from nurses, lab technicians and radiologists, were hired recently on contract.

A railway source said that the hospital presently uses oxygen cylinders for its patients and they had sufficient stock. "An oxygen plant, which will supply to our storage tanks, will be readied within a month's time. All our ICU beds are occupied presently," he said.

As of October 11, South Western Railway has reported 95 deaths of serving and retired staffers and their families in Hubballi, Mysuru and Bengaluru divisions, while the total number of Covid cases was 2,302, of which 265 are still active, as per the bulletin released by the Railway Zone on Sunday.

About 40 RT-PCR tests are being done daily and samples are sent to government labs. Rapid antigen tests are also done for all symptomatic persons. In addition, camps for Rapid antigen testing in various units of Bangalore Division are done to detect new Covid cases. Health inspectors have been nominated to check on patients who are in home isolation

E Vijaya, PRO, South Western Railway

DRI busts drug racket, seizes 13.2kg pseudoephedrine bound for Oz

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THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) busted a drug smuggling racket and seized over 13.2kg precursor drugs worth Rs 13 crore. The accused booked a parcel through courier mode, claiming that it contained photo albums and frames.

Based on a tip-off, the DRI, Bengaluru, intercepted one consignment booked through courier at Bangalore International Airport. The consignment was originally booked from Chennai to Australia, and had already reached Singapore enroute to Australia, but was pulled back to Bengaluru. The goods were declared to be photo albums, photo frames, bangles and other items, and appeared to be a personal parcel.

However, it was discovered that within the thick covers of the photo albums and photo frames, a total quantity of 13.2kg of pseudo-ephedrine, a precursor drug, was concealed. Pseudo-ephedrine is used to manufacture the psychotropic substance methamphetamine, also known as crystal meth, meth, blue, ice and crystal.

"With a market price reaching more than Rs 1 crore per kilogram, dependent on where the precursor drug is sold, this is one of the largest such consignments seized in recent times at Bangalore International Airport, and would have been sold in the international market for more than Rs 13 crore. Despite the year 2020 being a Covid year, the total amount of drugs seized by the DRI across India has already crossed 500 kg," said a press release.

Australia connection

Pseudo-ephedrine is becoming the main precursor chemical preferred in the manufacture of methamphetamine in Australia, most of which is produced in clandestine chemical labs or 'clan labs'. Domestically produced methamphetamine is sold on the street as a powder called 'Speed'.

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 1236/2019

Between: Bank of Baroda, Infantry Road Branch ... **Applicant**

And: M/s Foundation For Education and another ... **Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993.

Whereas the applicant has instituted original application under Section 19 of the Recovery of the Debts Due To Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.44,10,506.36/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Ten Thousand Five Hundred and Six Rupees and Thirty Six Paisa only)** in Account No.109309041000039 is due as on 31/08/2019 being the amount due together with current and future interest at the rate of 13.20% from the date of the application till realization from 01/09/2019 and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendant/s is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent of his/their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **02-12-2020** at 11 am as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take summons that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 14-9-2020.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

To Defendant No. 1, 2 and 3:

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AFFIDAVIT

I, **SUNIIL SHASHIDARAI @ SUNIL .S,** S/o Shashidharaiah, aged about 28 years, R/at No. 7368, Basaveshwara Nilaya, Narasojirao Layout, Near New Vishal School, Subhashnagar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District-562123, now at Bengaluru, declare that both the names i.e., **SUNIIL SHASHIDARAI** and **SUNIL .S,** are one and the related belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNIIL SHASHIDARAI** only for all official purposes, vide affidavit dated 12.10.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **AMBRESHAPPA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SATHISH.G,** aged about 42 years S/o Gopala Setty.N.R, residing at No.536, 19th Cross, 15th Main, Poornapragna Nagar, Uttrahalli, Bengaluru-560061, Have Changed My Name From **Sathish.G to Sathish Gopala Setty** Vide affidavit Date 17.10.2020 Sworn Before Notary R.Raghunath rao Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **YASHAS NITHYA MANOHAR,** S/o Yamanna, age 32 years, presently R/at Yamanna Building, B-638, Kammasandra, Electronic City Post, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-560 0100, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **YASHAS NITHYA MANOHAR** to **YASHAS NITHYAA MANOHARA KAMMASANDRA,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **YASHAS NITHYAA MANOHARA KAMMASANDRA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th Sept. 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA J.J.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anithaa M Acharyaa, Aged about 16.04.1986, W/o. Lakshmi Kanth Acharya, R/at #30, 3rd Cross, 3rd Floor, M. P Layout, Chikkasandra, Bengaluru 560057. I have changed my name from **'M.ANITHA' to 'ANITHAA M ACHARYAA'.** Vide affidavit dated 17.10.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary Aruna. V, Bengaluru.

Satish Jarkiholi on Sunday said, "I heard that two celebrities are participating in an election campaign in favour of a BJP candidate. However, everyone knows that voters never cast their franchise because of celebrities. Actress Pooja Gandhi had contested in Raichur polls, but did she win the election?"

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Poll raids dredge up petty cash

The Centre has made it a habit to spring raids on unsuspecting political leaders on the eve of elections. The authorities had expected to net a handsome haul during the recent raids against KPCC President DK Shivakumar — the raids were elaborately planned and carried out across the country, including in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and even his home village. But when the raids failed to yield the desired lucre, the Congress camp turned it into a joke, saying the raiders had found a mere Rs 6 lakh-plus, of which about Rs 3 lakh was kept aside as salaries of Shivakumar's staff.

When DyCM was left in tears

Having recovered from Covid-19, Deputy Chief Minister Govid Karjol seems to be caught between caring for his and his family's health, and carrying out duties assigned by the party. With his son on ventilator and his wife having recuperated from the infection, Karjol has been absent from flood-affected regions, including Kalaburagi district that he is in charge of. His absence came under severe criticism, especially after he was seen with BJP Sira candidate Dr Rajesh Gowda during filing of nominations. A teary-eyed Karjol told reporters that he had been assigned party duty during testing times, and had no option but to "show his face" at the nomination event. Making it amply clear that he didn't like stepping out of his house, against medical advice, one bit.

The fault in our stars

There was much political buzz around the nomination of the relatively unknown Kusuma Hanumanthrayappa as Congress candidate, chiefly that she had been chosen on the advice of astrologers, who prophesied that only a woman could defeat N Munirathna, the formidable BJP candidate. Back in 2004, D K Shivakumar had fielded journalist Tejaswini Gowda against JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda, and pulled off a win in Kanakapura. Can't really blame DKS for going with the stargazers, but this time around, pollsters are giving Munirathna an outright win, and a baffled Congress is wondering whom to blame.

CM TO CONDUCT AERIAL SURVEY, TAKE STOCK OF FLOOD-HIT AREAS

Review on Oct 21, to visit four districts where hundreds of villages have been inundated

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WITH rising water levels in Bhima and Krishana rivers continuing to ravage parts of Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur and Vijayapura, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Sunday said he would undertake an aerial survey on October 21 to take stock of the situation.

Yediyurappa will conduct the aerial survey of the four districts where hundreds of villages have been inundated completely or partially. In a statement, he said that an aerial survey was necessary to fully understand the extent of damage caused due to incessant rains and swelling water levels in the two rivers owing to additional water release from dams of Maharashtra.

Meanwhile, the Indian Army continued with rescue operations for the second day along with national and state disaster response forces. Hundreds of people left marooned in inundated regions were rescued and shifted to relief centres. According to the Karnataka Disaster Management Authority (KDMA), a total of 20,269 people, including 15,078 in badly hit Kalaburagi, have been evacuated so far by the personnel of the Army, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), besides local police and district authorities.

A total of 111 villages in the four districts have been affected by the floods, caused by heavy rains and water released by the dams in neighbouring Maharashtra. This is the third time that Karnataka is facing severe flooding in a little more than one year. Karnataka is still awaiting relief from the Union government for floods in August-September earlier this year.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa arrives in Shikaripura on Sunday. He assured people that the PM will provide relief

Flood victims, farmers to get relief: BSY

> The government will ensure that houses are built for those who have lost their homes in the floods
>
> B S Yediyurappa, Chief Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Shivamogga

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Sunday assured flood victims and farmers of relief, and said, "The government will ensure that houses are built for those who have lost their homes in the floods."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi called him on Saturday and extended all help for Karnataka in tackling floods, Yediyurappa said.

The chief minister exuded confidence that BJP candidates will win in both Rajarajeshwari Nagar and Sira by-elections.

"BJP vice-president B Y Vijayendra has camped in Sira and is working hard to ensure the victory of party candidate," he said.

"Irrigation works are going on in Shikaripura. Our aim is to make Shikaripura a model taluk and Shivamogga a model district. The airport work in Shivamogga will be completed in one year, and once that is done, many industries will be set up. MP B Y Raghavendra has brought several new projects to the district," he said.

FIR AGAINST KUSUMA

Congress knocks on poll panel's doors

ENS @Bengaluru

A delegation of Congress leaders on Sunday approached the Election Commission of India (ECI) over an FIR filed against party's Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly bypoll candidate.

Led by party working president Saleem Ahmed, the delegation submitted a memorandum demanding the transfer and suspension of RR Nagar Inspector Naveen over his alleged highhandedness against Kusuma. In a three-page memorandum, the party accused the inspector of registering the FIR that is "politically instigated".

The Rajarajeshwari Nagar police have registered a case under Sections 34, 188 and 353 of the IPC against Kusuma for violation of model code of conduct after Congress Legislature Party chief Siddaramaiah's followers broke open police barricades on October 14 in an attempt to make way for Congress leaders to arrive at the Returning Officer's office.

"The act, as complained to the police, is thoroughly misconceived and registered at the instance by the BJP candidate," said the memorandum. "Naveen is a personal friend of Munirathna. The inspector acts at his behest and on his dictates. This is a well-known fact and is in the public domain," Congress leaders said, attacking the police officer. The party alleged that its workers are being intimidated, and urged the EC to initiate action to ensure fair elections.

NO POLITICAL DISTANCING

Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Minister K S Eshwarappa at a meeting organised by the Karnataka State Backward Castes Federation, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM B N

Ahead of bypolls, Cong, JDS leaders join BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN a boost to BJP candidate Munirathna Naidu from the Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly constituency, a host of leaders from the Congress and JDS joined the saffron party on Sunday.

Among the 34 leaders is a former mayor, former corporators, members of local administrative bodies, cooperatives societies etc. The mix of leaders from various communities with considerable influence in their respective wards or localities comes as a major fillip to the BJP ahead of the November 3 bypolls.

Interestingly, former corporator from JDS Manjula Narayanaswamy and former corporator from Congress Asha Suresh — two of the three women corporators who staged a protest against Munirathna inside the BBMP Council in 2017 — also joined the BJP on Sunday in Munirathna's presence. The two women ex-corporators, along with former BJP corporator Mamata Vasudev, had threatened to commit suicide because of harassment by then Congress MLA Munirathna and his supporters.

The 34 leaders included former mayor Narayanaswamy, former corporators Srinivasmurthy, G K Venkatesh, Velu Naik, Siddagowda, Mohan Kumar, Venkatesh Babu, Govindaraju apart from local Congress and JDS leaders. They were welcomed by state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, national general secretary C T Ravi, state vice-president and in-charge for RR Nagar bypolls Arvind Limbavali and Revenue Minister R Ashok.

BJP will win RR Nagar, close fight in Sira: Govt's internal assessment

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THE government's internal assessment of the bypolls says that Sira Assembly constituency is likely to see either a photo-finish or a narrow win for the Congress, while it will be a virtual walkover for the BJP in the Rajarajeshwari Nagar constituency.

The assessment, conducted periodically to assess the ground situation, points out that T B Jayachandra of the Congress and Dr Rajesh Gowda of the BJP are in a neck-and-neck fight in Sira. That the BJP is in contention itself is a big gain for the party as it has never crossed 17,000 votes in the constituency, an analyst said.

But what could help Dr Rajesh cross the wire in this nail-biting fight will be the formidable government machinery. That is, provided JDS candidate Ammajamma's campaigning continues to remain lacklustre and party's traditional voters press the button in favour of the BJP. As the situation stands now, she is seen to lose the election.

Also, the BJP campaign managers, who are headed by party vice-president and Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's son B Y Vijayendra, are actively trying to lure powerful local Congress leaders, some of whom have assured the party of support. The BJP is targeting JDS leaders too and if they put their force behind the ruling party, the Lotus is likely to bloom for the first time in Sira. BJP campaign strategists feel that there is a factor of anti-incumbency against Jayachandra, who has won four times from the Kallambella constituency which was merged and turned into the Sira constituency after delimitation. From Sira, he has won twice, but lost the last election to B S Sathyanarayana, whose death has led to the bypoll now.

Analysts pointed out that the BJP is not new to traditional Congress and JDS voters here as they elected G S Basavaraj of the saffron party in the last parliamentary elections. Basavaraj was helped by Congress leaders Muddahanume Gowda and K N Rajanna, who were miffed that the seat was given away to the coalition's common candidate from the JDS and former PM H D Deve Gowda.

In RR Nagar, former MLA Munirathna Naidu, who had won the seat from the Congress in the last election and is now contesting on a BJP ticket, is way ahead of Congress candidate H Kusuma. The report states that the BJP should win by 25,000-30,000 winning margin, unless Kusuma, the wife of late IAS officer D K Ravi, pulls a rabbit out of the hat.

JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy at a rally in RR Nagar. Party workers and candidates did not follow social distancing and had crowded the area | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

SLUGFEST

Ravi: Shivakumar jailed for freedom fight?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE BJP and Congress indulged in a slanging match over KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday.

Triggering the slugfest, BJP's newly-appointed national General Secretary C T Ravi asked whether KPCC president D K Shivakumar went to prison for taking part in the national Freedom Movement.

Hitting back at Ravi, Congress working president Eshwar Khandre said that Shivakumar went to prison as a martyr after he shielded MLAs from Gujarat during the election of Congress senior leader Ahmed Patel to the Rajya Sabha. "BJP is indulging in politics of fear, blackmail and revenge against its opponents. They don't have leaders of their own, and that is why they are poaching from the Congress. Let Ravi introspect before talking about the Congress," he said.

"The BJP raided Shivakumar even when the bypolls are on and registered an FIR against Congress candidate from the RR Nagar constituency H Kusuma," Khandre said. Referring to Shivakumar, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel said, "Goondagiri of those who have come from Kanakapura will not work. The BJP will hear sweet news from RR Nagar (where the bypoll is being held)."

Khandre retorted, saying, "Last time, the BJP said that Munirathna (BJP's RR Nagar candidate) indulged in goondagiri and filed a case against him alleging electoral malpractice. Now that he has joined the BJP from Congress because of Operation Lotus, have they washed him clean? It is the BJP that is indulging in goondagiri and their true colours are being exposed."

Jayachandra meets seer, saffron party starts hunt for small community votes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Tumakuru

CONGRESS nominee and former minister T B Jayachandra, who is contesting the Sira Assembly bypoll in November 3, called on a Kunchitiga Vokkaliga seer, Sri Nanjavadhuta of Pattanayakanahalli Mutt, on Saturday.

Jayachandra sought the blessings of the seer, who said irrigation projects including the Upper Bhadra Project should be completed. Former minister H Anjaneya campaigned in favour of Jayachandra and held a meeting of Dalits.

From the BJP, former party spokesperson Raghu Kautilya, an educationist from the Madiwala community, visited Sira and organised meetings of small Kayaka communities, as instructed by BJP state vice-president B Y Vijayendra. Kayakas constitute a small portion of the vote bank, but play a key role in the results, sources said. Some of the leaders joined the party in the presence of Vijayendra on Sunday.

Kautilya, who was earlier with the Congress, was the supporter of leader of opposition Siddaramaiah.

Congress candidate from Sira T B Jayachandra meets Sri Nanjavadhuta Swami at Pattanayakanahalli on Sunday

BSY, kin take a break

As Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's wife Mythra Devi's death ceremony is slated to be observed on Monday, the family has gathered at their hometown of Shikaripura. Vijayendra too has taken a break of two days from hectic campaigning at Sira, and will be back on Tuesday, sources said.

Karthi meets DKS ahead of TN poll season

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar played host to Congress Lok Sabha MP from Sivaganga Karthi Chidambaram on Sunday morning. The meeting comes ahead of Tamil Nadu assembly elections and Karnataka bypolls.

Karthi also met AICC incharge for Tamil Nadu and former KPCC chief Dinesh Gundurao, to discuss the upcoming assembly polls in that state. "Had a very productive discussion with @dineshgrao about the upcoming TN assembly elections. Conveyed to him that data analytics will be provided to bolster the @INCTamilNadu in its negotiations with @arivalayam to ensure we get adequate seats within the winning alliance," tweeted Karthi. He added that data clearly showed that Congress was not a mere addition but a multiplier when part of an alliance in Tamil Nadu.

While sources suggested that his meeting with Shivakumar was centred around alleged witch-hunting of opposition leaders using central agencies in the run-up to the election, an appeal was also made to Shivakumar to rope in his acquaintances in Tamil Nadu to assist the Congress in the upcoming assembly polls.

"He is our Lok Sabha MP and a dear friend. This was only a courtesy visit with no political implications or intent. We have discussed various issues and exchanged notes on various matters," Shivakumar said.

40K families hit by rain in Hyderabad

Showers again two days after a deadly downpour has caused damage worth crores in the city

S BACHAN JEET SINGH @ Hyderabad

SATURDAY night's heavy rain in the twin cites left a trail of destruction and havoc. Nearly 150 colonies were inundated, and about 40,000 families were affected. The spell of heavy rain arrived just two days after a deadly downpour had caused damage worth a few hundred crores in the city.

Families residing in inundated areas have lost almost many valuable household articles like television, fridge, etc. As a result, such families say they are not going celebrate Dasara or Diwali.

Colonies like Brahmanawadi in Begumpet or CIB quarters in Khairartabad are among the worst affected. Rain water gushed into houses up to knee-deep level in these localities, and residents were seen clearing out water from the houses. Residents are not able to venture out of their houses. "Though we made several calls to GHMC and elected representatives, it was in vain, said Shobha, a resident of CIB quarters. Residents have been requesting local MLA Danam Nagender for a proper storm water drain system, but to no avail.

"We have lost all our belongings as water flooded our home up to shoulder level. Household articles worth ₹1 lakh were damaged," said Sharada of Umamaheshwar colony. As the colony was evacuated, taking advantage of the situation, house owners of nearby colonies have doubled the rents, she said.

Residents of Hafeez Baba Nagar in Hyderabad clear roads of fallen trees and damaged vehicles

Disaster Response Force (DRF) personnel and Monsoon Emergency Teams of GHMC were working on the field to clearing water in low-lying areas. Enforcement Vigilance and Disaster Management (EVDM) team is using boats to shift people stuck in such areas. Some colonies close to water bodies remained flooded in up to seven feet high water. Gurram cheruvu in Chandrayangutta was breached and nearly 2,100 families were evacuated and shifted to community and function halls.

Mayor Bonthu Rammohan visited several areas in LB Nagar zone and assured citizens of all necessary help.

Man goes on stabbing spree, kills one

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MAYHEM played out on the streets of Anjanappa Garden, Chalavadipalya and Bakshi Garden in West Bengaluru on Sunday morning, after a man went on a stabbing spree, killing one and injuring five others. It is suspected that the accused, who was arrested, is mentally unstable and preliminary investigations revealed that none of the victims were known to him.

The attacker was identified as M Ganesh, a daily-wage worker and a resident of Anjanappa Garden, aged about 35 years. The deceased is Maari (30), a resident of Chalavadipalya, also a daily-wage worker. Among the five injured, one Velayudham sustained serious injuries and is undergoing treatment in the ICU. His condition is said to be critical.

Police said that Ganesh had gone to a mutton stall located near Vinayaka Theatre in Anjanappa Garden, around 8.30 am. He allegedly stole a knife there and walked through the streets of Anjanappa Garden, Chalavadipalya and Bakshi Garden for about 2 km, randomly stabbing people passing by him in close range.

Accused M Ganesh (left) stabbed Maari, a daily-wage worker | EXPRESS

"Panic gripped the area as he went on a stabbing spree and no one could stop him. Before the police received information, he had stabbed six people, and Maari, who was stabbed in Chalavadipalya, was rushed to hospital. Police sub-inspector Murthy and constable Shivamurthy Naik, attached to Cottonpet station, were on patrol and were alerted about the situation. They rushed on their Cheetah patrol bike and found Ganesh near Bakshi Garden. They cautiously approached him and pinned him down, snatching the knife from him. Everything happened in a span of about 30 minutes," the police said.

"The accused was arrested for murder and attempt to murder. Investigation has revealed that none of the victims was known to him, and Ganesh attacked them randomly. It appears that there was no motive behind the attack, but he is being questioned to establish the motive. Ganesh was living with his mother as his wife and children had deserted him. His family and neighbours claim he is mentally unstable, and used to assault them frequently for no reason. This is being verified," an official said. The Cottonpet police registered a case and are investigating.

Revenue crunch a hurdle to filling vacancies

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RETIRED officers and experts sometimes working continuously without a day off, and having to forego some of their leave. With the revenue crunch and the Covid challenge, the government may find it tough to fill up all the vacancies, they felt.

The security experts also pointed out that about seven years ago, the number of vacancies was about 22,000 and the government had initiated steps to recruit about 8,000 police constables, about 500 sub-inspectors and 7,000 Home Guards. However, retirement of personnel over the years, coupled with inadequate and timely recruitment, has led to the current situation. A one-time mammoth recruitment drive is not the solution, but should be done on a regular basis, they suggested.

When contacted, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "We are filling up about 16,000 vacancies in batches. We cannot fill up all these in one go. There is an extensive selection process and an elaborate training schedule and hence, we are doing it in batches. We have already started with two batches and will gradually fill up the vacancies. After these batches are trained, they will be inducted into the force."

Additional Director General of Police (Administration) M A Saleem too confirmed that the process of recruitment is on.

Vehicles through Nagarahole will now get time tickets

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH the lockdown being lifted, vehicles are back on the roads and the pace has gone back to pre-Covid days. Apart from city roads, vehicular traffic has increased along forest patches, due to which many road kills are being reported across Karnataka forest areas.

To ensure stern measures are taken to control the movement of vehicles, and to prevent wild animals being run over by reckless drivers, the Karnataka forest department is assessing the movement of vehicles passing through Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and working on introducing time-stamped tickets to check the speed of vehicles passing through the crucial forest patch.

The staffers of Nagarahole have been assessing the movement of vehicles since the first lockdown was imposed, and found that 11 animals had died in the Anechowkur range and eight in Hunsur of Nagarahole. They have now decided to time track vehicles moving on the Hunsur-Gonikoppa stretch (NH-90), where vehicles pass through Alluru gate, and Periyapatna-Gonikoppa stretch (SH-21) where vehicles pass through Boodithittu gate. "We have assessed the time each type of vehicle takes to travel a 15-km stretch on these roads. It has been noted that the vehicles take very long or they pass very fast. Both are dangerous to them and to wildlife. Hence, to bring in some control, these tickets will be introduced," a senior forest official said.

No shortage of oxygen as of now, says doctor

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THE notification states that state governments will be required to fix the transport charges under the Disaster Management Act.

" Although the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, as per the gazette, has capped the prices of oxygen, hospitals in Bengaluru are being forced to pay the exorbitantly revised prices with immediate effect and are being threatened that supply of oxygen to the hospital will be stopped," the letter points out.

With the increase in the price of oxygen and the fixed rates by the government for different types of wards, it is very difficult for private hospitals to sustain and this will affect care of Covid patients, the association stated. "At present, the consumption of oxygen has gone up drastically and any disruption in supply will adversely affect patient treatment," the letter said.

"There is no shortage of oxygen as of now. But manufacturers are citing transportation costs as one of the reasons for the price hike," Dr Ravindra told *TNIE*.

In a letter to a hospital in Bengaluru, Praxair/Linde (merged companies) said they have made overnight changes in their manufacturing as well as transportation facilities to ensure that there is no community spread of Covid-19. "Not only are we incurring higher distribution cost, but we are also being negatively impacted due to increased production costs. All our manufacturing facilities are functioning round-the-clock to fulfil the needs of the medical fraternity," it reads.

Highlighting distribution challenges, the company stated that liquid medical oxygen is being sourced from Northern and Western parts (Murbad, Dahej, Taloja, Bhilai, Haldia, etc) of India to meet the demand in the south. "The running cost has increased multiple fold in the last 5 months... Logistic infrastructure is under tremendous stress. Additional overhead cost has increased manifold... we are finding extreme difficulty to continue supplies without immediate revision of rates", the company reasoned. *TNIE* tried to reach out to a manufacturing company for comment, but there was no immediate response.

SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA
403/803, 8th Main, 10th Cross, Shastrinagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 070. Ph: 080-26762583 / 26762584

PUBLIC AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Auction sale under the securitization and Reconstruction of Finanacial Asset and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 13(2) of the immovable properties mortgaged to **SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA.**, is brought to sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"**

Name & address of the Borrowers	Auction of the Property
Smt Rangamma C B. W/o Sri Srinivas.V **Sri Srinivas. V** S/o Sri Venkatappa	Site No.35, Property No.144 & 145, Channasandra (Chokkasandra) Village, Narayanapura, Peenya, Via TVS Circle, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore-560 058. EAST: Sri Hanumanthappa Property, WEST: Smt. Thimmakka Property, NORTH: Road, SOUTH: By Compound. EAST-WEST: 23 Feet, NORTH-SOUTH: (21+22)/2 Feet, (TOTAL 494.5 Sft). **Details of Secured Debts :** **Loan Account No : IPL101300000457.** **Total Due : 11,45,989/- (Eleven Lakh Fourty Five Thousand Nine Hundred & Eighty Nine Only) as on 30-9-2020 + Interest and Other Charges.** **Reserve Price: Rs. 24,00,000/- EMD Amount : Rs. 2,40,000/-**
Date: 20/11/2020 Time: 12.00 P.M	
Smt Marry.G W/o Sri Gururaj.P **Sri Gururaj.P** S/o Parashuram	# 5, PID No. 70-112-5, Rasi, 7th Cross, Anepalya, Neelasandra, BANGALORE-560027. EAST: Road, WEST: Private Property, NORTH: Private Property No.04, SOUTH: Private Property No.02, EAST-WEST: 28 Feet, NORTH-SOUTH: 30 Feet. (TOTAL 840 Sft). **Details of Secured Debts :** **Loan Account No : IPL101300000445.** **Total Due : 22,78,467/- (Twenty Two Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Four Hundred & Sixty Seven Only) as on 30-9-2020 + Interest and Other Charges.** **Reserve Price: Rs. 45,00,000/- EMD Amount : Rs. 4,50,000/-**
Date: 23/11/2020 Time: 12.00 P.M	
Smt Muniyamma W/o Sri Krishna **Sri Manjunath** S/o Sri Krishna	# 5, PID No.178/1, 17th Cross, BBMP Katha No.418/644/360, Situated at Vibuthipura, K.R.Puram Hobli, BANGALORE-560037. EAST: Site No.08, WEST: Road, NORTH: Site No-04, SOUTH: Remaining Southern Half Site No.05. EAST-WEST: 40 Feet, NORTH-SOUTH: 15 Feet. (TOTAL 600 Sft). **Details of Secured Debts** **Loan Account No : IPL101300000454.** **Total Due : 22,62,285/- (Twenty Two Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred & Eighty Five Only) as on 30-9-2020 + Interest and Other Charges.** **Reserve Price: Rs. 46,00,000/- EMD Amount : Rs. 4,60,000/-**
Date: 25/11/2020 Time: 12.00 P.M	

Place of Auction: SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA
#403/803 8th Main 10th Cross, Shastrinagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560028.
Ph: 080-26762583 / 26762584

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

1) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount to 10% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit.
2) The property as described shall not be sold below the reserve price.
3) The Successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount inclusive of EMD immediatly on the same day in cash/DD to the Bank and the balance within 30 days from the date of auction, failing the amount paid by him/her will be forfeited.
4) The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the Bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner.
5) The Successful bidder shall bear all the legal/incidental expenses like stamp duty. Registration fee, Local taxes and any other statutory dues etc.
6) The authorised Officer shall have powers to accept of reject bids or postphone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.
7) The autotized officer reserves his right to vary any of the terms and conditions of this notice of sale wiothoput prior norice at this discretion.
8) For inspection of the property or any further details, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at SRIMATHA MAHILA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA #403/803 8th Main 10th Cross, Shastrinagar,BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560028 Ph: 080-26762583 / 26762584.
9) Bidders should produce their ID &Adress proof while depositing the EMD Amount.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17-10-2020

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
Srimatha Mahila Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

THE MALLESWARAM CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
H. O : # 102, 7th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003, Ph- 080-23342713/ 23342323, E- Mail : mcb_mall@yahoo.com, Website : www.mcbl.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/ legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** for an below mentioned amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Borrower Name and Address : (1).MR.PAVAN KUMAR G S/O Gurudev G D **(2).MRS.MALA M V** W/O Pavan Kumar G All are residing at NO.17/4,3rd Main,Papaiah Garden B.S.K 3rd Stage Bangalore-560085.
Demand Notice : 06.08.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 17.10.2020**
Balance outstanding: Rs.96,22,574/- (Rupees Ninty six lakhs Twenty Two thousand Five hundred and Seventy Four only) as on 30.09.2020 and interest thereon.
Description of the property: ITEM 1: Property Bearing Municipal No.114 (Old No.83 Then No.89) Situated at Huriopet, Bangalore Including all rights,privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed the Site measuring East to West 19.6 Feet, North to South 33.3 Feet, and bounded as follows: EAST By: Annayyappa's Property, WEST By: G.Parvatappa's Property and Keechaiah's Galli, NORTH By: Ramappa & Mariyappa's Property, SOUTH By: Item No. 2.
ITEM 2: Property Bearing Municipal No.114 (Old No.84 & 85 Then No 90, thereafter No.114/1) Situated at Huriopet, Bangalore. Presently BBMP Municipal No. 114 (Old No. 93),Situated at Huriopet, Bangalore PID NI 28-130-114 Including all rights,privileges and appurtenances thereto, constructed in the Site measuring East to West 36.6 Feet, North to South 17.6 Feet, and bounded as follows: East By: Annayyappa's Property, West By: Keechaiah's Galli, North By: Item No 1, South By: Huriopet.

2. Borrower Name and Address : (1).Mr RAMESH BABU RAO V S/O Late Venkoba Rao V **(2).MRS.SHANTHA BAI V** W/O Ramesh Babu Rao V **(3).MR.RAVI R** S/O Ramesh Babu Rao V **(4).Master Manoj R M/G/F Ramesh Babu Rao V** #5 , 'Revathi Nilaya' 11th Main Road, 2nd Cross Mathikere Extn Bangalore-560054
Demand Notice : 06.08.2020 **Possession Notice Dated:17.10.2020**
Balance outstanding: Rs.16,93,600/- (Rupees Sixteen lakhs Ninty Three thousand Six hundred only) as on 30.09.2020 and interest thereon.
Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property bearing No 42, Sy No. 40 of Mathikere Village, Presently BBMP Municipal New No 5, Situated at 11th Main Road, Mathikere Extension PID No 4-10-5,Bangalore. including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 42.6 Feet, North to South 45.6 Feet, and bounded as follows: EAST By: Property No 41, WEST By : 30 Feet Road, NORTH By : Property No 21, SOUTH By : 20 Feet Road.

3. Borrower Name and Address : (1). MR.NANJUNDARAJU R S/O Ramaraju **(2).MRS.NANJAMMA** W/O Nanjundaraju R **(3).MR.SURESH RAJU N** S/O Nanjundaraju R **(4).MRS.SUMATHI N** D/O Nanjundaraju R **(5). MR.VENURAJ N** S/O Nanjundaraju R **(6).MRS.SHOBHA N** W/O Suresh Raju N **(7). MRS.NALINI G** W/O Venu raju N All are residing at NO 391,MES Road,Muthyalanagar Gokul Extension Bangalore-560054.
Demand Notice : 06.08.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 17.10.2020**
Balance outstanding: Rs.49,11,232/- (Rupees Forty Nine lakhs Eleven thousand Two hundred and Thirty Two Only) as on 30/09/2020 and interest thereon.
Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property Bearing Municipal New No 20 (Old No 28), Sy. No. 27 Situated at 5th Cross Road, Muthyalanagar, Bangalore, PID NO. 2-51-20. Formerly No 28, Sy No 27 of Jalahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore . including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Total area 1200 Sq.Ft., and bounded as follows: EAST By: Site No 27, WEST By : Site No 29, NORTH By : 25 Feet Road, SOUTH By : Private Property.

4. Borrower Name and Address : (1).MR.VENKATARAMANA S/O Guruvaiah **(2).MRS.SHANKARAMMA** W/O Venkataramana **(3).MR.GURUVAIAH** S/O Thellaiah **(4).MRS.NARASAMMA** W/O Guruvaiah All are residing at No 69, K Block, Old Sawar Lane Seshadripuram Bangalore
Demand Notice : 06.08.2020 **Possession Notice Dated: 17.10.2020**
Balance outstanding: Rs.37,21,742/- [Rupees Thirty Seven lakhs Twenty One thousand Seven hundred and Forty Two Only]as on 30/09/2020 and interest thereon.
Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable Property Bearing Municipal No. 69, Situated at K Block, Old Savar Lane, Seshadripuram,Bangalore.PID NO 27-107-69 . including all rights privileges and appurtenances thereto constructed in the site measuring East to West 13.6 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Total Area 544 Sq.Ft., and bounded as follows: EAST By : Resaldar Slum, WEST By : Private Property, NORTH By : Cross Road, SOUTH By : Cross Road.

Date : 17.10.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
The Malleswaram Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU
No. 4, 1st & 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 22(2)(h) OF SECURITIZATION ACT R/W PROVISIONS OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL ACT AND THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL [PROCEDURE] RULES, 1993 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME
Case No. I.R. No. 2994/2019
BETWEEN: SMT. SHWETHA C. N. AND ANOTHER ... APPLICANTS
AND: MAGMA HOUSING FINANCE AND OTHERS ... RESPONDENTS

An application Under section 17(1) of the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 has been filed before this Tribunal.

Show cause as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted. You are required to file reply, if any, in your defence in the paper book form in two complete sets and produce all the documents and affidavit in your support in the tribunal personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner and appear before this tribunal on **26-11-2020** at 10:30A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. You are further directed to supply advance copy of the reply to the SA to the counsel for the applicant.

Given under my hand ands the seal of this Tribunal on this the 23rd day of Sept. 2020.

By order of the Tribunal, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

To, Respondent No. 2, 3 and 4

2. Ashok Krishna Chavan, S/o Krishna Chavan, aged about 41 years, R/at No. 27, Pragathi Nilaya, 1st Main, Baba Nagar Layout, Near Airport Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 085.

3. Mrs. Kavitha Ashok Chavan, W/o Ashok Krishna Chavan, aged about 35 years, R/at No. 27, Pragathi Nilaya, 1st Main, Baba Nagar Layout, Dwaraka Nagar, Near Airport Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 085.

4. Om Shakthi Hospital, represented by its Proprietor, Mr. Ashok Krishna Chavan, No. 142, Sri Balaji Homes, Bagalur Cross, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 064.

Proposed Respondent No. 6:

6. ENCORE ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY PVT. LTD., ("EARC")
Corporate Office, 5th Floor, Plot No. 137, Sector-44, Gurugram-122002, Haryana, India.
Registered Office: 15th Floor, Eros Corporate Towers, Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019. CIN: U74140DL2013PTC259641

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POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **03/02/2020** calling upon the borrower **1.Mr. Kumar M,** S/o Mr Late Muniraju, No 257, 4th Cross, Haragadde, Sai Prashanthi Homes, Devasandra, Jigani, Hobbli, Anekal Tq, Bangalore Rural **2. Mrs. Lakshmamma** W/o Mr. Late Muniraju Residing At Channappa Building, 2nd Cross, Gandhinagar Extension, Yelahanka, Bangalore-64 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.39,78,075/-** (Thirty nine lakhs seventy eight thousand and seventy five only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **17th day of October of the year 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the CANARA BANK , Electronic city Branch for an amount of **Rs.39,78,075/-**(Thirty nine lakhs eighteen thousand three hundred and six) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property All that piece and parcel of property bearing Residential land and building with Site No.257, formed in converted Sy No 64/1, Khata No. 150200100280022056, situated at Devasandra village, Jigni Hobli, Bangalore measuring 1200sqft and bounded on the East by : road, West by : site no 260, North by :Site no 256, South by :Site No 258

SCHEDULE —A [Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

No	Loan No	Nature of. Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Amount
1	3006619000049	Housing Finance	18/07/16	2600000
2	3006619000053	Housing Finance	02/03/17	1000000
3	3006618000003	Home Improvement Loan	28/04/17	450000

SCHEDULE —B [Details of security assets]

Immovable: Name of Title holder: KUMAR M, No 257, 4th Cross, Sai Prashanthi Layout, Site No-257, Devasandra, Hargadde Post, Jigani (Hobli)

SCHEDULE — C [Details of liability as on date]

No	Loan no	Nature of loan/Limit	Liability with Interest as on date	Rate of Interest
1	3006619000049	Housing Finance	26,41,621/-	8.80%
2	3006619000053	Housing Finance	10,13,701/-	9.45%
3	3006618000003	Home Improvement Loan	3,22,753/-	11.10%

NOTE:* Indicate ROI for HL1@10.80% including penal interest of 2%,HL2@11.45% including penal interest of 2% and HL3@13.10% including penal interest of 2%.

Date : 17.10.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

EDITORIAL

"Develop a mind that is vast like space, where experiences both pleasant and unpleasant can appear and disappear without conflict, struggle or harm" — Siddhartha Gautama

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— Ramnath Goenka

SC'S JUSTICE LOKUR GAMBIT ON STUBBLE BURNING

By appointing a retired member of the highest judiciary as the head of an important panel despite him dissing his successors openly, the first Bench of the Supreme Court perhaps sought to send a message of confidence and independence to its critics. The normally soft-spoken Justice Madan B Lokur's 'F' grade for the SC's performance under Chief Justice of India S A Bobde on the migrant exodus amid the pandemic had created a big buzz. While brother judge S K Kaul had quickly hit back saying the after-me-the-deluge attitude of former judges would harm the institution, Justice Lokur's critique had resonated with many people. Yet, a Bench headed by the CJI on Friday readily accepted a petitioner's suggestion to appoint him as head of a panel to curb stubble burning in Punjab, Haryana and west Uttar Pradesh, which poisons Delhi-NCR's lungs and makes it unlivable year after year in winter. According to a Harvard study, stubble burning doubles Delhi's pollution. It can also exacerbate mild Covid cases, hence the CJI's urgency. Multiple interventions in the past by the SC, including setting up an Environment Pollution Control Authority five years ago, haven't made the situation better.

The Bench's decision surprised the executive, as the Additional Solicitor General first tried to block it and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta made rearguard efforts to buy time, but the CJI did not budge. Whether or not Justice Lokur's recent stinging rebuke of the executive weaponising the sedition law by twisting freedom of speech or his heading a panel of eminent citizens to probe the Delhi riots had anything to do with the Centre's discomfort, its shock was evident. He was also among the four top SC judges who had revolted in 2018 against then CJI Dipak Misra's skewed allocation of cases.

As for the retired judge, he has experience in handling environmental litigations. As it is, stubble burning has already started. Issuing sharp, speaking orders from the judicial pulpit is one thing but getting them implemented on the ground where livelihood issues are at stake is completely different. That is where Justice Lokur's ability will now be tested. For Delhi's sake, we wish him godspeed.

GUV AT CENTRE OF TN NEET QUOTA STORM

Yet again, the NEET is at the centre of a political storm in Tamil Nadu. This year the issue is related to the state government's Bill to reserve 7.5% of its medical seats for government school students. The Bill was passed with the support of all parties in the House. Tamil Nadu has protested against the NEET from day 1. The argument against it is that it disadvantages even bright students from poor and rural backgrounds.

While parties in TN have been accused of playing politics—unfairly at times—over the exam at the cost of young lives, the AIADMK government has made serious efforts to face the new normal and level the playing field. To this end, it has improved textbooks significantly to bring them on par with the CBSE syllabus. This year, experts said at least 80% of the NEET questions were from the state syllabus. The government students quota is another attempt to ensure that poor and rural students can become doctors. However, this has been held up, inexplicably, by the state governor who is yet to give his assent to the Bill for over a month now. The state revealed this to the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court. The state assured the court that the medical prospectus will not be issued till the assent is given. Days later, the NEET results were announced in which the structural barriers compounded by the pandemic were laid bare: Only 1,633 students from government and aided schools, whom the state coached, cleared the test in their first attempt as against 2,557 last year. The number of government and aided students who took the test this year was only 6,692, a huge drop from 17,630 last year. The figures are hardly a comment on the abilities of the students than on the barriers (financial, social, regional) they face in clearing the test.

In this context, the governor's silence is baffling. Children have ended their lives over the NEET in acute distress. When the state's constantly warring parties set aside politics to unanimously pass a Bill, it is the governor's duty to provide his assent at the earliest, lest C N Annadurai's famous quip becomes even harder to counter: A state needs a governor like a goat needs a beard.

All firms and individuals need to take a deep dive into themselves, create a vision as to what they want to achieve and then follow it up with an action plan

HOW THE POWER OF VISION CAN TRANSFORM COMPANIES AND PEOPLE

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AMIT BANDRE

Most humans have only ever used a small part of their potential. We have taken millions of evolutionary births to become human beings. Therefore, it is important that we achieve our chosen goal and rise to our potential having attained human birth.

It makes sense to try to rise to our highest potential and succeed. Success is defined differently by different people. However, whatever our definition of success is, it is best to rise to it as we improve in our own self-worth and possibly net worth.

Thus, most self-help and self-management books urge us to do our best to rise to our potential. Anthony Robbins, the self-motivational guru, says Decision equals Destiny. We must decide to rise to our highest level of achievement. Many people don't rise to their top potential because they have never decided a destination to attain.

Joel Barker, in his video titled "The Power of Vision", demonstrated with many examples that it is very important for nations, students, companies and individuals to create a powerful Vision to decide where they want to reach. The Vision must be shared and supported and must outline how it will be achieved through a clear-action plan.

Jim Collins, in his bestseller "Built To Last", proved that companies that had powerful and enduring Vision became great ones over a sustainable period of time. Companies without Vision lasted for a short period and then declined.

Family-managed businesses, which constitute 73% of the companies all over the world, need to create a Vision and professionalise their management. Those that do not professionalise start declining by the time the second and third generations are in control.

Almost all companies such as Ford Motors, Honda, Yamaha, Infosys, Tata Group, etc., started as family-managed businesses but these companies decided to professionalise their management. They gave clear accountability and responsibility to professionals and laid down norms, systems and policies; the companies ran by these policies and systems irrespective of who was at the helm of affairs. These firms have lasted for more than 50 years and are still growing.

On the other hand, family-managed businesses that did not decide to professionalise grew till the original founder was in control and later faded into oblivion. We have seen in India many companies in the aviation, chemicals, media and textiles sectors decline and pale into irrelevance. It is important therefore for companies and individuals to clearly articulate a vision using a participatory process involving all stakeholders.

Let me illustrate my view with a few examples. An agrochemical company once decided to grow exponentially. It decided to create a Vision using a participatory process called Open Space Technology to involve all stakeholders to chisel out a new Vision. As per my advice, they decided to engage in a two-day "Vision Workshop". After a full day's deliberation, the participants decided to make their agrochemical firm a "soil management company". On the second day, they chose their strategy using Michael Porter's Five Forces Model and decided the style of leadership, created core values, decided a new organisation structure and made plans to achieve their goals.

> An agrochemical firm once decided to grow exponentially. As per my advice, it engaged in a two-day "Vision Workshop". The moment it decided to become a soil management firm, new avenues opened up. ... The stakeholders also decided the style of leadership, created core values, etc. Within two years, it became a `700 crore company from the earlier `200 crore

The moment they decided to become a soil management company, new avenues opened up—seeds, manure, wasteland development, bio-pesticides, fertilisers, etc. The company decided to make each of the existing vice-presidents of the company a CEO of one independent business and gave him/her a target to achieve. Each new business such as seeds, manure, wasteland development, etc., was given an ambitious target and the CEOs were given profit sharing. Within two years, it became a ₹700 crore company from the earlier ₹200 crore and in the next three years, reached ₹1,500 crore. This is the power of forming a Vision.

Similarly, a progressive footwear company created a new Vision using a participatory process to become an "Innovative International Multi-Brand Shoes and Accessories Company in India with International collaboration". The firm decided to create innovative footwear and accessories, tie up with international brands and also sell foot-care products such as socks, leggings, etc. Once it decided this Vision, new avenues opened up and the firm got into international collaborations. The company has emerged as the number two player after Bata and is growing at the rate of 26.7%.

Similarly, a pipe-manufacturing company in Ahmedabad created a powerful Vision involving all its sales and management people, and the company is growing in double digits.

A company, which was just a dealer and distributor of generators, made an ambitious plan to diversify into wind power and is now growing in double digits.

The power of Vision is tremendous for companies as well as individuals. It can catapult us to great heights. All individuals also need to take a deep dive into themselves and create a Vision as to what they want to achieve in life and want to be known as or known for, and then follow it up with an Action Plan.

Vision without action remains just a dream. Vision with action can change your life.

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TACKLING THE SHADOW PANDEMIC OF RISING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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According to the official data of the National Commission for Women (NCW), domestic violence complaints have increased by 2.5 times since the nationwide lockdown began in India. Some of the researchers are referring to this as the next pandemic or shadow pandemic of India. In 2019, the commission received 607 cases between March to May, while in 2020, they registered 1,477 cases. As per the data provided by an NGO named Swayam (based in Kolkata), there were 22 complaints on average per month before the lockdown, which increased to 57 complaints on average per month through emails and helplines.

Beyond socio-economic factors: Pandemics like Covid-19, though affecting all sections of the population, showed an adverse impact on women—especially in developing countries like India—owing to their limited education, mobility, access to work opportunities outside the home and ownership as well as negligible control over resources such as land and finance. Some of the reasons for physical as well as verbal abuse as reported are 'not managing resources properly', 'not serving food on time', and also 'not being able to procure ration/relief material'. Also, physical force and abuse were common by male members of the family either because they felt stressed at being incapable of providing for their families due to loss of livelihood or because they habitually used alcohol or ganja (cannabis). According to NFHS-4 data, 71% of women whose husbands got drunk often encountered spousal violence—either physical or sexual. The situation has become worse during the lockdown.

Innovative steps: During normal situations, it is hard for the victim to leave the house. During the lockdown, this problem is doubled as the victim cannot seek help from friends or family. The lockdown has made the victims more vulnerable and exposed. All the countries are dealing with domestic violence issues in their own possible ways. In the case of Italy, an app named 'YouPol' was initiated by the government that allowed victims of domestic violence to seek help without talking on the phone. The app enabled victims to send images and messages in real-time to the state police operators. Also, one could anonymously report if they didn't want to reveal their personal information. In France, since pharmacies were allowed to stay open throughout the lockdown period, victims sought help from them. Pharmacists, in turn, would pass on the information to the police. Women used the code word 'Mask 19' if they felt insecure to ask for help openly. In countries like Spain, Portugal and the US, gender-based violence services were declared essential ones.

Information asymmetry: The number of violence cases against women is always a concern in India as they remain underreported. It is more difficult to reach for help and report cases in a country like India as just 46% women have access to their own mobile phones as a whole, while in rural areas, the percentage is only 37% (NFHS-4). Another major difficulty for not reporting the cases, especially in rural areas, is the lack of awareness on the part of the victim about her right to live with dignity and the process of seeking suitable help. This has got exacerbated during the lockdown.

> Given that Accredited Social Health Activists or ASHA workers form a major part of the healthcare network at the village level, they can help women victims of domestic violence by responding quickly. Also, when some women who reported through these workers get successful in seeking support, more women will come forward over time to report such cases and the stigma will reduce

Need for community resource persons: Globally, studies show that victims of domestic violence are using healthcare resources extensively. Accredited Social Health Activists or ASHA workers are also involved in frontline Covid prevention work. These women workers play an essential part in the health system of rural India. Sometimes, they are the first ones to come in contact with the victims of domestic violence while accessing health services. They play an important role and even make a life-or-death difference for those vulnerable women who are not able to seek help due to the lack of access to mobile phones. Women's mental, physical and reproductive health are negatively affected by domestic violence. Therefore, it is a requirement to bring more and more cases to light. The reduction in underreporting of cases can be initialised when there is the assurance of support. Given that the ASHA workers form a major part of the healthcare network at the village level, they can help the victims by responding quickly. Also, when some women who reported through these workers get successful in seeking support, more women will come forward over time to report such cases and the stigma will reduce.

Further, support from ASHA workers comes from different levels like health and sanitation committees of the village, auxiliary nurse midwives (ANMs), anganwadi workers, supervisors from block and district level, healthcare officers, etc. Therefore, being a community resource person, the responsibility to help domestic violence victims falls on these workers in some way. Additionally, the advantage of involving ASHA workers is that they are residents of the village and familiar with their daily affairs.

When ASHA workers are trained in an effective way to identify and communicate with the victims of domestic violence, they can drive the change in society. Therefore, it is necessary that ASHA workers come forward and focus on women's safety, sensitivity, privacy and confidentiality.

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MAILBAG

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A lot still to be done

It is sad that India's rank is 94 out of 107 countries in the hunger index. While it is true that we have made some progress towards managing hunger considering the size of our population in comparison to that of neighbouring countries, there still remains a lot to be done by the powers that be. The government should roll out new schemes to generate more employment for the people.
Baburajan A, Chaliyam

Role model for mothers

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern won the nation's general elections by a landslide due to her success battling Covid-19. This is highly impressive. She has shown the world what leadership is all about and has become a role model for all working mothers.
C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Overhaul Hyd drainage

The terrain of Hyderabad is such that it is relatively simple to channelise rainwater to flow downstream. It is unfortunate that this has been blocked by unscrupulous and possibly illegal constructions near water bodies. It is time the government widens *nalas* and overhauls the drainage system.
P Vasudeva Rao, Secunderabad

What was his govt doing?

While it is easy and convenient for Telangana tourism minister Srinivas Goud to blame governments that ruled the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh for the collapse of the Quilashapur fort wall, he must tell us what his TRS government had been doing for the past six years. Didn't the condition of the fort come to their notice at any time in these years?
U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

Kushboo's hypocrisy?

This is with reference to *The thrill of changing colours* (Oct 18). Actor-turned-politician Kushboo was, till she joined the BJP a few days ago, criticising the Centre. Yet, the party accepted her into their fold, wrongly assuming she would allow them a foothold in Tamil Nadu.
Ravi Mannethu, Pullad

A curse to the country

This is with reference to *Civil services must abide by Constitution* (Oct 18). The article exposes the failure of the administrative machinery as the root cause of present-day maladies. There are officers willing to crawl when asked to bend. This is a curse to the country. As long as such people are in service, the nation will not prosper.
M Haneef, Kottayam

Need to increase demand

This is with reference to *Centre's latest stimulus not enough* (Oct 17). The editorial has rightly said that government expenditure and methods to increase demand are needed to resuscitate the economy. The government borrowing incurred can be repaid with the sales proceeds of certain assets.
A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Avoid processed food

This is with reference to *A gut feeling about Covid-19* (Oct 17). It is interesting to know that non-fermentable fibre, which promotes healthier microbiota in the gut and is present in the diets of mainly the poorer sections of our country, can actually reduce vulnerability to Covid-19. It makes sense to avoid all processed foods for the time being.
Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

More interested in assets

This is with reference to *Remembering Lal Ded, the Kashmiri Yogini* (Oct 16). The spiritual enlightenment attained by Lal Ded is almost unattainable by contemporary saints of any religious sect. Many current godmen seem to be more interested in amassing movable and immovable assets of this world. Very few are actually working towards enlightenment.
Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

Understanding ourselves

The article is mesmerising and recounts the importance of understanding one's atma. It also highlighted the teachings of Kashmir Shaivism, particularly its Trika school. What I found amazing was that the Kashmiri '*vaakh*' resembles a similar Tamil word.
K Balakrishnan, Madurai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sanjat Raut @rautsanjay61
The governor's letter row was an unavoidable controversy which we didn't start. But, we are satisfied with the Union Home Minister's stand

Mamata Banerjee @MamataOfficial
Some people only believe in blaming and maligning the police force and the state. They forget the work done by the police during crisis situations

Abhishek Singhvi @DrAMSinghvi
The BJP has always responded to substance and pointed facts with "jumlebaazi". The BJP has always believed in rhetoric, not substance.

'India hit Covid-19 peak in Sept'

Govt panel warns any lacksity festive season may see cases rise upto 26L within a month

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THE coronavirus pandemic had peaked in India in mid-September and active cases could fall below 40,000 by February 2021, if adequate protective measures are continued to be taken, said a central government-constituted experts committee on Sunday.

The committee was constituted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) to evolve a national supermodel for Covid-19 progression on June 1,2020. The scientific members of the committee include Professor M Vidyasagar, FRS (IIT-Hyderabad, chairman), Professor M Agrawal (IIT-Kanpur), Professor B Bagchi (IISc-Bangalore), Professor A Bose (ISI-Kolkata), Dr G Kang, FRS (CMC-Vellore), Lt Gen M Kanitkar (Dy Chief, Integrated Defence Staff (Medical), and Professor S K Pal (ISI Kolkata).

The panel warned that upcoming festival seasons may increase the susceptibility to infection and relaxation in protective measures can lead to about 26 lakh infections within a month.

A team of doctors check patients at a Covid-19 Care Centre in New Delhi | PTI

The panel said there is some evidence that large gatherings cause rapid spread. "Kerala celebrated Onam festival between Aug 22 and Sep 2 and numbers have risen from Sep 8 by 32 per cent. The effectiveness of medical response dropped by 22 per cent for Kerala," it added.

According to the committee, the initial lockdown (March 25) saved large number of lives and delaying it would have caused more difficulties.

Labour migration in May-June did not cause any sharp rise in Covid cases, the panel further said. "There could have been significant adverse impact had migration been permitted before lockdown," according to the model.

"All activities can be resumed provided they are done with proper safety protocols. If all of us follow these protocols, the pandemic can be controlled by early next year with fewer active symptomatic infections than 40,000 by February end," it said. The panel used actual migration figures from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, that saw maximum people returning home, concluded that actual figures were below the projected ones.

"This demonstrates the effectiveness of migrant quarantining," said Lt Gen Madhuri Kantikar, also a member of the supermodel committee. Calling it a good news, M. Vidyasagar from IIT Hyderabad, said that based on its modelling, 30 per cent population projected to have antibodies at present and cumulative mortality is projected to be less than 0.04 per cent of the total infected.

The mandate of the committee was to create an evidence-based mathematical model for the pandemic.

TRP ROW

Ratings agency expresses disappointment on Republic TV

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AMID the ongoing TRP controversy, the ratings agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) said that it was disappointed with the Republic Network for disclosing confidential communication.

This came after the Republic Network claimed that BARC's email contradicted Mumbai Police's charge of TRP ragging against it.

"BARC India has not commented on the ongoing investigation and it is providing necessary assistance to the law enforcement agency. BARC India is highly disappointed with the actions of the Republic Network by disclosing private and confidential communications and misrepresenting the same," said BARC in a statement.

"BARC India reiterates that it has not commented on the ongoing investigation and without prejudice to BARC India's rights, it expresses its dismay at the actions of the Republic Network," it added.

Republic TV claimed that an e-mail from BARC showed that Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh's 'campaign' against the network showed that it was 'based on a lie'. It alleged BARC's email proved that it did not level any allegatin of malpractice against Republic TV. The Mumbai Police had said at a press conference that they some channels were manipulating the TRPs by paying former employees of Hansa research group which was in contract with BARC to conduct the research.

300 SC judgments translated to vernacular languages since last year

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

AS many as 300 judgments have been translated to vernacular languages so far. Among these are 153 judgments in Hindi, 36 judgments in Tamil, 10 in Punjabi, 22 in Marathi, 18 in Malyalam, 46 in Bangla, Telegu, Kannada and one in Urdu language so far. A judgment has also been translated in Nepali language.

With an aim to make the Supreme Court judgments understandable in vernacular languages as well, the top court had last year began translating the daily orders and rullings into some languages.

Launched last July, the top court had started posting judgments in six regional languages — Assamese, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Odia and Telugu.

The translated languages were decided on the basis of number of requests coming to the SC from various states.

The translation is being done with the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools developed in-house. The SC has shared the tools with 15 high courts for testing, advising them to use it as well. While translated judgments are being uploaded on the apex court's website, daily orders of court proceedings are provided to litigants and lawyers who request for it.

The idea is to facilitate access to justice for litigants and also reduce their dependence on lawyers. However, the translated versions are uploaded only a week later. Priority in translation are being given to orders relating to litigants such as civil disputes, criminal matters, landlord-tenant disputes, matrimonial issues etc.

A top Court official said, "The need to have judgments in vernacular languages arose as litigants have been approaching the Supreme Court office asking for a copy of the final verdict in a language they can speak and read. Every litigant may not be an English-speaking individual."

Seized trucks with paddy in Patiala | PTI

Punjab bars 'cheaper' paddy from UP, Bihar

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB, the epicentre of farmers' protest against the Centre's new agri laws, has virtually barred produce coming from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, with trucks being stopped at the borders.

The step has been taken as local traders and rice millers are purchasing paddy from UP and Bihar at ₹900-₹1,100 per quintal, which is much below the minimum support price of ₹1,888 at which they sell it to state agencies in Punjab. After paying a transportation cost of ₹100-200 per quintal, they make a clear profit of at least ₹500 per quintal but in the process, cause huge losses to state government and farmers.

Punjab government fears glutting of it mandis by outside farmers will impact the disbursal of cash credit limit (CCL) amount to its own farmers. With ₹30,220 crore of CCL approved by the RBI, the state might fall short of the amount for its own farmers if those from outside come and sell their produce in Punjab.

The government's step, however, is in contravention of new central laws which permit free movement of agricultural produce between states. A official of the state food and civil supplies department said, "In the last two days, in a joint operation by police and Punjab Mandi Board, we have intercepted 39 trucks at Shambhu border carrying 30,000 bags of paddy worth about ₹1.50 crore. Cases against eight truck owners have been registered and their vehicles have been seized."

Onkar Singh Agaul, general secretary of Bhartiya Kisan Union (Rajewal), said, "Three-four days after the procurement began on September 26, this racket was started by traders."

We will fight farm laws till SC: Punjab CM

With consensus among Punjab Congress MLAs on not implementing the farm laws in the state, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh was authorised by his cabinet to take any legislative or legal decision he may deem fit to protect the interests of farmers. The cabinet decided that a strategy to counter the 'black farm laws' will be finalised ahead of the two-day special assembly session from Monday. "We will fight this till the Supreme Court," Amarinder said at a meeting of the Congress Legislative Party. The unconstitutional laws, which were against federalism, had to be countered effectively, the MLAs said.

EXPERTS'SPEAK

'Action on ground needed to tackle malnutrition'

RITWIKA MITRA @ New Delhi

THE recently released Global Hunger Index (GHI), which ranked India on the 94th spot among 107 countries, underlines that India's commitment to eliminating hunger and malnutrition leaves much to be desired. A look at the last round of National Family Health Survey (NFHS) in 2015-2016 corroborates this as it shows that the country's showing on parameters of 'wasted' and 'severely wasted' children had worsened compared to the previous survey in 2005-06. NFHS-4 was conducted by the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, as designated by the Ministry of Health and Family.

As compared to NFHS-3, the percentage of wasted children under five years of age had increased from 19.8% to 21% in NFHS-4 ***(See GFX-1)***. The percentage of children under five who were 'severely wasted' increased from 6.4% in NFHS-3 to 7.5% in NFHS-4.

This was corroborated in the GHI report which said that among the 11 countries where the public health significance of child wasting rate was considered 'high' or 'very high', India was in the latter category at 17.3 per cent. This paints a dismal picture of India's commitment to eliminating hunger and malnutrition as a part of achieving its sustainable development goals (SDGs), said activists working on food security.

Deepa Bajaj, chief executive of the NGO Child Survival India, said budgetary allocation was an essential component of pushing the SDG agenda. The government has allocated ₹35,600 crore for nutrition-related programmes in 2020-21 but action on the ground is needed, she said.

"It is essential for policymakers to realise that 'hunger' can be handled even by providing carbohydrate rich staple diets, but 'nutrition' needs proper balance of macro- and micro-nutrients in the diet and a multi-sectoral approach targeting women empowerment and education, tackling poverty and providing sanitation for all," said Bajaj. Sachin Kumar Jain, a representative of Right to Food Campaign, said the SDGs remain restricted to academic discourse with states not adopting target-based approach in planning. "India's malnutrition management campaign is just focused on technical aspects and not on ensuring the rightful access of women and children to food and nutrition," said Jain.

States where the percentage of under-five children who were stunted — an indicator of malnutrition — was significantly higher than the national average were Bihar, Uttar Pradesh Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Meghalaya ***(See GFX-2)***. Bihar, Jharkhand, MP and UP also fared poorer than the already critical national average (35.8%) of children under-five who are underweight.

The state-specific indicators on all forms of malnutrition like stunting, wasting and underweight influence the aggregated data at national level, observed Arvind Singh, advisor, health and nutrition, at the NGO Matri Sudha. "Governments in high-burden states like Bihar, Jharkhand, UP, MP and Maharashtra must collaborate on various common parameters to address the issue."

Malnutrition can be controlled not only by intake of food but also by ensuring that infections like diarrhoea are prevented or treated at an early stage, pointed out Dr Abhay Bang, social activist and founder-director of Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health.

Tribal areas & malnutrition

States with significant tribal population like MP, Jharkhand, Odisha and Chhattisgarh fared poorly in terms of stunting, wasting, severely wasting and children being underweight.

With 40.6% of the Scheduled Tribe population living below the poverty line as compared to 20.5% of the non-tribal population, as documented by the 2011 Census data, malnutrition is worse among tribal children. Data shows 42% tribal children were underweight while under-five mortality rate among the ST population was 57.2 per 1,000 live births.

"Food diversity which tribal people had when they had access to forests has now been jeopardised. Plus, not enough money is being spent on tribal health," said Bhang, who led the expert committee which brought out a report on tribal health 2018.

GRIM SITUATION

National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4) sparks concern

GRAPHIC: 1

	URBAN	RURAL	TOTAL	NFHS-3
Children under 5 years who are stunted (height-for-age) (%)	31.0	41.2	38.4	48.0
Children under 5 years who are wasted (weight-for-height) (%)	20.0	21.5	21.0	19.8
Children under 5 years who are severely wasted (weight-for-height) (%)	7.5	7.4	7.5	6.4
Children under 5 years who are underweight (weight-for-age) (%)	29.1	38.3	35.8	42.5
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	29	46	41	57
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	34	56	50	74

GRAPHIC: 2

	Children under 5 years who are stunted (Height-for-age) (%)	Children under 5 years who are wasted (Weight-for-height) (%)	Under 5 years severely wasted (Weight-for-heightt) (%)	Children under 5 years who are under weight (Weight-for-age) (%)	Under-five mortality rate (Per 1,000 live births)
NATIONAL AVERAGE (%)	38.4	21.0	7.5	35.8	50
	Bihar (48.3)	Jharkhand (29)	Daman and Diu (11.9)	Jharkhand (47.8)	Uttar Pradesh (78)
	Uttar Pradesh (46.3)	Dadra and Nagar Haveli (27.6)	Dadra and Nagar Haveli (11.4)	Bihar (43.9)	Madhya Pradesh (65)
	Jharkhand (45.3)	Gujarat (26.4)	Jharkhand (11.4)	Madhya Pradesh (42. 8)	Chattisgarh (64)
	Meghalaya (43.8)	Karnataka (26.1)	Karnataka (10.5)	Uttar Pradesh (39.5)	Bihar (58)
	Madhya Pradesh (42)	Madhya Pradesh (25.8)	Goa (9.5)	Gujarat (39.3)	Assam (56)

Kamal Nath calls minister 'item', sparks a row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

FORMER Madhya Pradesh chief minister and present state Congress chief Kamal Nath kicked up a political storm by referring to Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist and cabinet minister Imarti Devi as an 'item.'

Devi, the women and child development minister in Shivraj Singh Chouhan government and three-time former Congress MLA from Dabra (SC) seat, is seeking re-election now as a BJP candidate from the same seat of Gwalior district.

Interestingly, Devi held the same ministerial portfolio in Nath-led Congress government, which fell seven months back.

Addressing a public meeting in support of Congress candidate Suresh Raje in Dabra assembly seat of Gwalior district, the ex-CM said, "*Suresh Raje Ji hamare ummeedwar hain; saral swabhav ke seedhe saadhe hain....ye uske jaise nahi hain... kya hai uska naam, mai kya uska naam loon...aap toh usko mere se jyada pahchante hain... aap ko mujhe pahle hi savdhan kar dena chahiye thaa...ki ye kya item hai.* (Suresh Raje our candidate here is a simple man and not like her. What's her name, you all know her better than me, you all should have warned me...what an item!)."

Congress leader Kamal Nath at an election rally in Gwalior on Sunday | PTI

While Nath made the controversial reference, another of his ex-cabinet colleague and Congress MLA Vijaylaxmi Sadho stood close to him on the public meeting stage.

"It's shocking, how can a veteran politician like Kamal Nath make such disrespectful reference about one of our ministers, who was a cabinet minister in his government. This is shameful and amounts to disrespect to both women as well as Dalits," said CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

The state's PWD minister and senior BJP MLA Gopal Bhargava, while condemning Nath's statements, questioned "How can Nath make such sexist remark against a woman politician, who was part of his own cabinet seven months back. Did Kamal Nath harbour similar feelings for her, while she was part of his government in Madhya Pradesh."

Pakistan fails to fulfill six key FATF mandates

NEW DELHI: PAKISTAN's failure to fulfill six key obligations of the FATF, including action against two of India's most wanted terrorists Maulana Masood Azhar and Hafiz Saeed, and the sudden disappearance of more than 4,000 terrorists from its official list will lead to its continuation in the 'grey list' of the Global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog, officials said on Sunday.

The virtual plenary of the FATF will take the final call on Pakistan's continuation on its grey list after a thorough review of Islamabad's performance in fulfilling the global commitments in fight against terror financing. *ENS*

Women soldiers empower anti-narcotics grid

MAYANK SINGH @Srinagar

IN a bid to strengthen the anti-narcotics squad across border, the Army for the first time has started to recruit women officers along with the canine brigade.

A senior Army officer deployed in Kashmir said, "The anti-narcotics grid has been strengthened with women soldiers, dogs and X-ray machines."

He said that that earlier they were not able to take any action against women even after getting confirmed inputs on 'women courier' but with the deployment of women soldiers this has now become possible.

Riflewoman Nitu Kumar from Bihar said, "Women feel free to share their issues and our children are inspired to see us in uniform." The women soldiers have braced up for approaching winters at 10,000 feet at the Sadhna Pass which is the only connection to the bowl of Tangdhar.

Riflewoman H Wanjen Konyek said, "We faced the challenge of being the first to be deployed in this area."

Konyek is from Nagaland and is the senior most of the woman soldiers.

Narcotic smuggling has been an important method to finance the militants.

Army said that the women soldiers were able to seize 80-kg of narcotics, mostly brown sugar in Tangdhar sector.

GOOD NEWS

JD-U candidate Shushumlata Kushwaha, contesting from the Jagdishpur seat in Bihar's Ara district, delivered a healthy baby during the peak of electioneering on Saturday evening

5.2L PEOPLE ENROLLED UNDER J&K HEALTH SCHEME

Ahmedabad	36	26	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	34	23	Panaji	31	23
Jaipur	35	24	Patna	35	24
Amritsar	34	15	Lucknow	35	21
Chennai	32	25	Port Blair	29	25
Kolkata	33	27	Imphal	31	24
Srinagar	26	05	Chandigarh	34	18

Nitish Kumar, Sushil Modi launch joint campaign

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy Sushil Kumar Modi held joint election campaign on Sunday and launched a blistering attack on rival Lalu Prasad Yadav highlighting the crime situation and lack of development during his RJD rule in the past. Reeling out comparative data during the RJD and NDA rules, they sought another chance to speed up development work in the state

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi at an election meeting at Tarari constituency in Bhojpur district on Sunday | PTI

BJP LEADERS ATTACKING LJP TO PLEASE NITISH, CLAIMS CHIRAG

Paswan reiterates respect for PM; says may support NDA to form govt without Nitish

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Patna

A day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the LJP was responsible for walking out of the NDA, party president Chirag Paswan said on Sunday that BJP leaders were attacking him as they wanted to please Bihar CM Nitish Kumar. Paswan said that BJP leaders were free to speak against the LJP as part of their "coalition dharma". The LJP chief also said that he would always hold Prime Minister Narendra Modi in high regard.

"Nitish Kumarji should thank the colleagues of BJP that despite being filled with anger towards the chief minister, they are following the 'coalition dharma' and trying to give certificates to Nitish Kumarji that they are not with Chirag," he tweeted on Sunday after performing the 'pind daan' rituals of his late father Ram Vilas Paswan.

However, peeved at the LJP being branded as 'vote-katua', Paswan also cautioned the BJP leaders to 'select their words after thinking properly'.

Reiterating his respect for the PM, Chirag said: "I do not want PM Modi to feel any kind of moral dilemma because of me. He is coming to Bihar to address election rallies with CM Nitish Kumar. If he feels the need to make any kind of comment on me to satisfy the incumbent CM, he should feel free to say whatever he wants."

Paswan also accused Kumar of creating a rift between LJP and BJP adding that the JD-U chief 'specialised in the policy divide and rule'.

Asked about Shah's contention that the NDA would form the next government in Bihar with a comfortable margin, Paswan said that it was welcome to do so. "If it falls short, however, the LJP might support the coalition, provided Nitish Kumar is not placed at the helm," he added.

On the LJP breaking away from the ruling alliance, Shah had said the party was offered an adequate number of seats but still chose to walk away.

Reacting to this, Paswan said, "Amit Shah was right. We have decided to fight the elections on our own and not as part of the NDA. But that doesn't mean one has to sever personal ties. I will continue to respect PM Modi, who stood by my family when my father was undergoing treatment."

Young guns present big challenge to veteran CM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

THE 69-year old Nitish Kumar is facing a tough challenge as two young leaders — leading the parties founded by their fathers — are queering the pitches in the assembly elections this year.

Tejashwi Yadav and Chirag Paswan, called the Karan and Arjun of Bihar politics, belong to ideologically different parties but have the same aim -- to unseat Kumar from the chief minister post. The seasoned Kumar, on the other hand, has termed them 'inexperienced'.

While 31-year-old Tejashwi is a cricketer-turned-politician, 37-year-old Chirag had tried his hand in acting before joining politics. Both are eligible bachelors, fluent in English and have inherited the political legacies of their fathers.

Tejashawi is aspiring to emulate his parents — fomer CMs Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi — as the leader of the Grand Alliance. On the other hand, Chirag is trying to do what his father Ram Vilas Paswan never did.

Chirag Paswan

Tejashwi Yadav

"Chirag Paswan as an actor-turned-politician is acting well politically while cricketer-turned-politician Tejashawi Yadav is bating strongly. The state is taking notice of these two leaders' statements", said youth activist Mrinal Kumar.

"These two young leaders are full of confidence to unseat a leader like Nitish Kumar who is called Chanakya of Bihar politics and has served the state for 15 years with a visible track record of development," said Kaushalendra Kumar Singh, a political observer.

How far these two young leaders succeed in their mission against Kumar would be clear only on November 10.

Begal BJP rift resurfaces as leaders take different stands on Durga Puja

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

BENGAL BJP's internal rift surfaced again over the issue of organising Durga Puja under the banner of the party. While the state president Dilip Ghosh said it would be a single-day event and not Puja, the party leaders involved in organising the event said the Goddess will be worshipped following all rituals for four days.

BJP's state observer Kailash Vijayvargiya and national vice president Mukul Roy were seen busy organising the religious festival in full swing.

A day after BJP leaders announced the decision to organise the Puja, Ghosh said, "It will not be a puja. BJP's job is not organising puja. There will be a one-day event where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address via a special webcast titled Puja Ki Baat." However, state vice president Jayprakash Majumdar said it would be the party's puja that will be celebrated for four days following all rituals.

BJP's move to organise the puja in Salt Lake is said to be first of its kind in the recent history of Bengal's religious festivals and appears to be an attempt to woo the electorates ahead of 2021 Assembly elections. The venue will be the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre's building which is under the Union Ministry of Culture.

Meanwhile, BJP has denied that there was any political motive behind the announcement that Dona Ganguly, wife of Saurav Ganguly, will peform at the puja. The former Indian cricket skipper has been rumored as possible face for BJP in the state.

Cong vs BJP in Ajit Jogi's stronghold

EJAZ KAISER @Raipur

FOR the first time in 20 years, the Marwahi constituency in Chhattisgarh will now witness an electoral battle without any member of Ajit Jogi's family in the fray.

On Saturday, the returning officer had cancelled the nomination of Jogi's son Amit and his wife Richa during the scrutiny of papers after a high-powered committee, probing his caste status, in its order dated October 15 rejected Jogi's claim of being a member of Kanwar tribe.

The bypoll in reserved ST constituency of Marwahi was necessitated after the death of Jogi Senior. With Amit Jogi and his Janta Congress Chhattisgarh (Jogi) out of the race, the seat is set to witness a bipolar contest between the Congress and the BJP.

Ever since Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh in November 2000, Marwahi had remained the Jogi family's bastion. Ajit Jogi, the first chief minister of the state, won the seat four times while his son Amit represented it once in 2013.

In August 2019, the high-powered committee had rejected the claim of Ajit Jogi as belonging to a 'tribal' community. He challenged the order in the high court. However, on the basis of the findings of the committee, Jogi's petition was dismissed.

Amit lashed out at the Bhupesh Bahgel government alleging a political conspiracy against him and his family. The government dismissed the charges as ridiculous.

Several houses and shops were torched by miscreants on Saturday night | EXPRESS

Assam-Mizoram border clash leaves several injured

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

SEVERAL people were injured and houses and shops torched at the Assam-Mizoram border after a violent clash broke out between people of the two states. The incident occurred in Vairengte-Lailapur on the border of Cachar in Assam and Kolasib in Mizoram on Saturday night.

A meeting, chaired by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, between the two state will be held on Monday to take stock of the situation.

The Cachar police said three houses and some roadside shops were torched while one person was injured. However, locals claimed that over 40 villagers from Assam were injured. "Some miscreants from Mizoram are creating problems without any reason. We are trying to sort out the issues," Cachar Superintendent of Police BL Meena told this newspaper.

On the other hand, the Kolasib administration said seven civilians from Mizoram were injured in the incident.

"Seven Mizo residents were injured. One of them is being treated at the district hospital in Kolasib and his condition seems stable for now," Kolasib District Magistrate H Lalthlangliana said. He claimed that the trouble broke out after locals attacked security personnel from Mizoram.

The Mizoram government said it was actively engaging with the Assam government to resolve the current issues. It said it had intimated the Union Ministry of Home Affairs about the "transgressions" by the Assam government.

At the direction of Assam CM, Minister Parimal Suklabaidya visited the site with senior officials. He said the incident was the handiwork of miscreants out there to create disturbances.

Sonowal talks to Mizoram CM, PMO

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal apprised the Prime Minister's Office and the MHA of the prevailing situation over phone. Sonowal also telephoned his Mizoram counterpart Zoramthanga.

Wives banking on bahubalis' clout for victory

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

ABOUT 10 wives of Bihar's bahubalis (musclemen) have taken the baton of politics from their husbands and are contesting this year in the state assembly elections. These candidates have been fielded by different political parties considering the high probability of winning given the strong political clout of their husbands. Most of these bahubalis are either in jail or out on bail.

The RJD has fielded Vibhha Devi, wife of party leader Raj Ballabh Yadav who has been convicted of rape, from Nawada. She had earlier contested the Lok Sabha polls from the Nawada seat unsuccessfully. The party has given ticket to Kiran Devi, wife of sitting MLA Arun Yadav who is accused in a rape case and absconding, from Sandesh seat in Ara.

Veena Singh, wife of former Vaishali MP Rama Kishor Singh, was given the ticket from the Mahnar seat despite much protest by the late Dr Raghuvansh Prasad Singh.

Bima Bharati, sitting MLA of JD-U and wife of Awadhesh Mandal, is again in the fray from Rupauli seat in Purnia. Mandal is named in dozens of criminal cases. Sita Devi, contesting from Ekam seat in Saran on JD-U ticket, is the wife of bahubali Manoranjan Singh Dhumal. JD-U has also fielded Lesi Singh, wife of late Butan Singh, Poonam Yadav, Khagria MLA and wife of Ranvir Yadav, and Manorama Devi, wife of Bindi Yadav, from Atari seat in Gaya district.

Aruna Devi, wife of Akhilesh Singh, is contesting on BJP ticket from Warsaliganj seat.

Lovely Anand in the fray from Supaul

Lovely Anand is contesting from Supaul seat on RJD ticket. Her husband Anand Mohan is serving a life term in the murder of then Gopalganj DM G Krishaniayah in 1994

RAJASTHAN GOVT TO ALLOT LAND TO SPORTSPERSONS

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

IN a bid to promote sports culture in Rajasthan, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced a special incentive scheme to encourage sportspersons who have earned laurels at international level.

The Rajasthan government has decided to provide 25 bighas of land to 13 sportspersons from the state who have represented the country in recent years. Five players who had won medals in international events will get the land totally free while the 8 others who participated in these prestigious games will get land at reserved price in the Indira Gandhi Canal area.

To improve sports facilities and train players at international standard, the state government has already decided to set up a 100 sports academies across the state.

EXPRESS READ

Jharkhand minister put on ventilator

Ranchi: Jharkhand's School Education and Literacy Minister Jagarnath Mahto, who has tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28, has been put on ventilator after his health worsened on Saturday. Doctors, however, claimed that some positive changes have been observed in Mahto's condition on Sunday. Chief Minister Hemant Soren visited the Medica Hospital and took stock of the situation.

BJP leader, two others arrested in Ballia murder case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh Police on Sunday arrested three persons, including the main accused, in connection with the killing of a 46-year-old man at a meeting attended by senior administration and police officials in Ballia three days ago.

The main accused, local BJP leader **Dhirendra Pratap Singh**, was arrested by the UP Special Task Force from the state capital Lucknow, while the other two accused were nabbed in Vaishali area of Ballia city, officials said. With this, police have arrested eight people in the case so far. There are eight named accused and 20-25 unnamed accused in the case.

"Singh was held from Lucknow on Sunday morning near Polytechnic area," Special Task Force (STF) IG Amitabh Yash told news agency PTI.

Two other named accused, Santosh Yadav and Amarjeet Yadav, were arrested in Ballia city on Sunday.

The DIG of Azamgarh Range Subhash Chandra Dubey said, "They were carrying a cash reward of ₹50,000 on their heads. The properties of the accused will be seized under the Gangster Act."

Among the others arrested in the case are Narendra Pratap Singh, the brother of main accused Dhirendra Pratap Singh, and Devendra Pratap Singh.

Expressing relief at Singh's arrest, brother of the deceased Jai Prakash Pal Gama said, "His arrest came as a relief for us. But Dhirendra is a 'dabaang'. We fear untoward incidents in the future as well."

He demanded stringent punishment for the guilty, security for his family, ₹50 lakh assistance and a government job.

With PTI inputs

Candidates are cooking, in the voters' kitchen

Former BJP MLA Parul Sahu, who is now contesting from Surkhi seat of Sagar district as a Congress candidate, was recently seen frying puris in the kitchen of a family. Sahu, on the campaign trail, had reached a house to seek votes while the female members were busy cooking. Sahu, much to the surprise of the family, joined them and fried puris before enjoying a meal with the family

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CM Chouhan's son hits campaign trail

Kartikey Singh Chouhan, the son of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, has joined the campaigning for the assembly by-polls in 28 seats on November 3. Wearing blue denims and a white shirt, the Symbiosis-Pune graduate addressed a meeting organised by the party's youth wing in Mungaoli assembly constituency of Ashok Nagar district recently. This is not the first time Chouhan has hit the campaign trail. During the 2018 assembly elections, both Kartikey and mother Sadhna Singh had proactively campaigned for Shivraj Singh Chouhan in his Budhni constituency in Sehore district, while the CM was busy addressing meetings across the state. Kartikey is a member of the state working committee of the BJYM.

MP's Nuzhat to star in Women's T20 Challenge

Indian wicketkeeper batswoman Nuzhat Parween will be part of the Smriti Mandhana-led Trailblazers team for the Women's T20 Challenge in the United Arab Emirates. The tournament will be played during the playoffs phase of the ongoing IPL between November 4 and November 9. Parween, hailing from Jayant town of Madhya Pradesh's Singrauli district, has represented India in four matches so far. The 24-year-old had captained MP's under-16 football side before taking to cricket in 2011. She had also won a gold medal in the 100 meters dash in a state athletics meet.

Tigress, cub found dead at Bandhavgarh

A 10-year-old tigress and its cub were found dead in the Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve on Saturday. According to sources, the autopsy suggested that while the tigress had died three-four days back, the cub died possibly on Saturday. Poisoning has not been ruled out as the cause of the deaths, an official said. Search operations by elephant patrolling teams are underway to locate the remaining three cubs of the tigress. The reserve has lost six tigers over the last six months. Sources said that there has been an increase in attacks on human beings in villages around the park. This increase in man-animal conflict could be the reason for these recent tiger deaths.

100 days of lockdown restrictions in Melbourne come to an end

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	18	7	SNY	Los Angeles	31	18	SNY
Colombo	30	26	TDS	Melbourne	24	13	LC
Dhaka	34	25	LC	Moscow	15	9	LR
Dubai	37	25	SNY	New York	13	13	HR
Houston	33	21	LC	Singapore	32	26	TDS
Istanbul	24	17	LC	Toronto	16	11	LC
London	12	9	LR	Washington	19	15	LR

New Armenia-Azerbaijan ceasefire broken minutes after agreement

Countries had agreed to a truce after 13 civilians including children were killed by Armenia

STEPANAKERT

ARMENIA and Azerbaijan accused each other of violating a new ceasefire on Sunday, as they tried for the second time in a week to bring a halt to fighting over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The ex-Soviet neighbours agreed to a truce from midnight (2000 GMT Saturday) following a push by international mediators for a stop to three weeks of heavy clashes over Nagorno-Karabakh, an ethnic Armenian region that broke from Azerbaijan's control in the 1990s.

A previous ceasefire agreed a week ago fell apart amid mutual accusations and continued fighting that has left hundreds dead and forced tens of thousands from their homes.

The new ceasefire deal was announced after one of the deadliest attacks on civilians so far on Saturday, when a missile hit a residential area of Azerbaijan's second city Ganja, killing 13 people including children.

Armenia's defence ministry said Azerbaijani forces had violated the new ceasefire only minutes after it took effect, firing artillery shells and rockets in the early hours of Sunday.

Its foreign ministry said Azerbaijan had also launched an attack in a southern area of the Karabakh frontline "demonstrating to the international community its treacherous nature".

Azerbaijan's defence ministry accused Armenian forces of firing artillery and mortar shells in various directions and of launching early morning attacks along the frontline.

Armenia was in "gross violation" of the ceasefire and showing "open disrespect" for the efforts of international mediators, the foreign ministry in Baku said.

The two sides have described the agreement as a "humanitarian truce" to allow for the exchange of prisoners and bodies.

Armenia said on Sunday that Azerbaijan had "categorically rejected" an attempt mediated by the International Committee of the Red Cross to withdraw wounded soldiers from the front. Azerbaijan said it was in talks with the ICRC and was prepared to unilaterally hand over some bodies of Armenian servicemen.

Azerbaijan and Armenia have been locked in a bitter conflict over Karabakh since Armenian separatists backed by Yerevan seized control of the mountainous province in a 1990s war that left 30,000 dead.

The region's declaration of independence has not been recognised by any country, even Armenia, and it is still part of Azerbaijan under global law.

The fighting that broke out three weeks ago has been the heaviest since a 1994 ceasefire and has threatened to draw in regional powers Turkey, which backs Azerbaijan, and Russia, which has a military alliance with Armenia.

An AFP journalist in Karabakh's main city Stepanakert said the night had been calm on Sunday and that, unlike during previous days, sounds of explosions could not be heard coming from frontline areas. *AFP*

KNOWN TOLL OF RECENT VIOLENCE

700 and more people have been killed since Karabakh clashes erupted on Sept 27

NAGORNO-KARABAKH

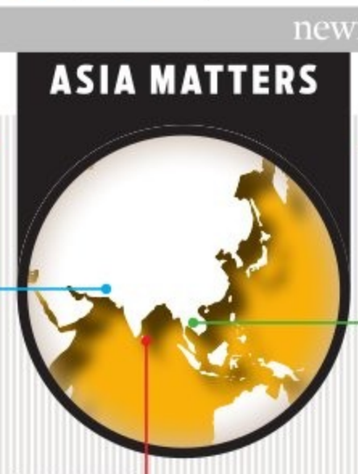
673 of the region's servicemen have been killed, official said

AZERBAIJAN

60 civilians have died so far and 270 have been wounded. Azerbaijan hasn't disclosed military losses

Timur Haligov, an Azerbaijani Turkish father embraces the body of his 10-month-old girl, Narin, who was killed by shelling in Ganja, Azerbaijain | AP

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Landslide in northern region buries bus with 15 people onboard

A landslide in northern Pakistan on Sunday buried a minibus with 15 people onboard under tons of mud and rock with rescue workers digging through the wreckage in the hopes of finding survivors, police said. Police officer Wakil Khan said the landslide overtook the minibus that was travelling from the city of Rawalpindi in Punjab province to the scenic city of Skardu. The bus was pushed into a deep ditch along the mountainous road in Skardu and buried under mud and rock. Khan indicated that the chances of finding anyone alive are bleak, but rescue workers and volunteers are digging through the mud in search of survivors. Landslides after monsoon rain are common in Pakistan, and are the cause widespread damage in areas of mountainous terrain.

SRI LANKA

3 villages isolated to contain spread of coronavirus

Sri Lankan authorities on Sunday announced that they have isolated three villages in densely populated Western province in a bid to contain the spreading of the coronavirus. The government's decision to close the villages, located about 66 kilometers (41 miles) south of the capital, Colombo, comes amid a surge of cases from a new cluster centered at a garment factory. Some 2,075 patients related to new cluster have been reported. Sri Lanka has reported a total of 5,475 cases of the virus, including 13 deaths.

THAILAND

Protesters carry on despite police warning

Thousands of mainly young Thais were back on the streets of Bangkok on Sunday for a fifth straight day of protests demanding sweeping political change, with demonstrations also taking place at several other locations around the country. The demonstrators, who are protesting despite a state of emergency banning them from doing so, received a new warning from police that they are violating the law. On Saturday, however, few people had been arrested as peaceful rallies were held at several points around Bangkok with several thousand taking part. A statement issued Sunday night by PM Prayuth Chan-ocha's office acknowledged the rights of freedom of speech and freedom of assembly, but insisted that people obey the law.

EXPRESS READ

Religious schools open in Israel in defiance of government lockdown

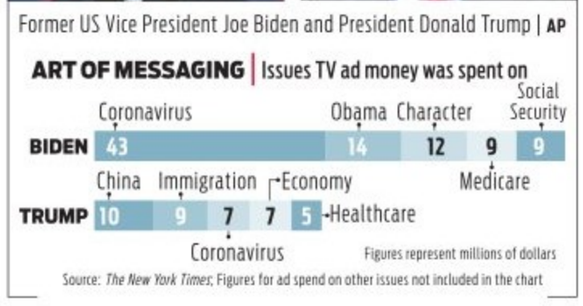
Dozens of ultra-Orthodox elementary schools and religious schools known as yeshivas opened in Israel on Sunday in violation of a government lockdown amid the coronavirus pandemic. The Israeli government only permitted nurseries and kindergartens to reopen in person on Sunday. On Saturday, a leading ultra-Orthodox rabbi — who tested positive for Covid-19 earlier this month — called for religious grade schools and yeshivas to reopen, despite government regulations.

Coronavirus cases hitting new levels in Italy, hospitalisations increase

The number of confirmed positive cases of coronavirus in Italy continued to rise to new records on Sunday, hitting 11,705 in the last 24 hours. Many more tests are being carried out than during the March-April peak, when only the very ill were tested, but doctors have warned that the virus again is infecting more vulnerable patients and hospitals are increasingly under stress. A total of 750 patients were being treated in intensive care Sunday, up 45 from a day earlier

Joe dominates Don in war for airwaves

Former US Vice President Joe Biden and President Donald Trump | AP



Source: *The New York Times*; Figures for ad spend on other issues not included in the chart

WASHINGTON

IN the realm of TV ads, Joe Biden is hugely outspending US President Donald Trump, particularly in the key battleground states, the *New York Times* reported on Sunday.

The former vice president has had a 2-to-1 advantage on TV advertisements for months now, with Trump's campaign not able to raise enough cash.

Biden's advantage is most noticeable in three swing states, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, where he spent $53 million in the past month on campaign ads, compared with $17 million by Trump, the *Times* said, citing figures from Advertising Analytics, an ad tracking firm.

Trump is on the defensive, cutting down on advertising in battleground states such as Ohio and Iowa and focusing instead on holding on to generally Republican states such as Arizona and Georgia.

Due to the pandemic, a significant chunk of campaign money has been spent on ads rather than in-person campaigning. Over $1.5 billion has been spent on TV ads in the presidential race, more than three times the amount spent at this point in the 2016 race.

As he tries to energize his base and keep on-the-fence voters from turning against him, Trump sought to paint Democrats as "anti-American radicals" and said moderates had "a moral duty" to join the Republican Party. "The Democrat Party you once knew doesn't exist," he said in rallies in Wisconsin. Wisconsin broke the record for new cases on Friday — the third time that's happened in a week. The state also hit record highs for daily deaths and hospitalisations this past week.

Bolivians vote in re-run of prez poll that saw Morales ousted

LA PAZ

BOLIVIANS voted Sunday in a high-stakes presidential election meant to end a year of political turmoil — a vote that could bring a return of socialism at a time when it is struggling with a raging pandemic and protests over last year's annulled ballot.

Initial voting appeared to be peaceful on Sunday, with long lines at some polling places but little of the hustle and bustle of past election days. Voters appeared to be wearing masks and following physical distancing restrictions. But it may be days before Bolivians have a good idea who won. *AP*

Indian women were subjected to genital exams in colonial era: Book

LONDON

INDIAN women were forced to undergo genital examinations in the 19th century by British colonial authorities, says a new book by a Harvard professor.

A 1868 law called the Contagious Diseases Act mandated that sex workers should "register themselves at police stations, get medically examined and surveilled."

Durba Mitra, a professor of gender and sexuality in Harvard University, says thousands of women were arrested for failing to abide to register themselves and get examined under the law. This period in history is a study of how British officials and Indian public intellecturals "developed ideas about deviant female sexuality to control and organise modern society in India," Mitra told the *BBC*.

"In colonial India, the term "prostitute" was used to describe virtually all women outside of monogamous Hindu upper-caste marriage, including the tawa'if, the courtesan, the dancing girl, the devadasi, high-caste Hindu widows... ," Mitra wrote in *Indian Sex Life*.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my clients **SMT. C.R.LEELAVATHI,** W/o. Sri.Madhukumar and **SMT. VISHALAKSHI,** W/o. Sri. Jayaramegowda, both are R/at: # 26, 1st Floor, Gnanavilla, 2nd Main Road, Binny Layout, 2nd Stage Attiguppe, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560040 have negotiated to purchase the schedule property from its owners/title holders **SRI. H.S. SADANANDA,** S/o Late H. Siddappa, R/at Hanumanthanagara, Matadakurubarahatti, Chitradurga and his family members.

Any person/Institutions claiming to have any right, title, interest, charge, lieu or minor claim whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge his/her/their/its claim to the undersigned with all documentary proof within **Seven (07) DAYS** of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections/claims or disputes in respect of the schedule property, my client shall proceed to get the schedule property conveyed in their favour, no claim shall be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site bearing No. 60, Sy.No.21, **situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore,** Having its BBMP Khata No. 359/60, layout formed by The Forest Officials Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., Presently Known as **"Forest Layout"** Kenchanahalli, BBMP Ward No.129 (Jnana Bharathi Ward) Bangalore, Measuring East To West :- **60 Feet** and North To South :- **40 Feet,** Totally Measuring to an extent of **2400 Sq.Ft.,** together with all right, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface & bounded on :

East By : Road;
West By : Site No.49;
North By : Site No.61; &
South By : Site No.59.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **B.V. SRINIVASA KARANTH,** S/o late B.K.Venkappaiah, Residing at No.26, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018, is entered in to an agreement of sale for purchase of the Schedule property from its owners, 1) **VIMALA.C.V.** D/o late Chinnaswamy.V., 2) **P. VASANTHA** W/o late Ramamurthy.V.C., 3) **SUNIL KUMAR.C.R.,** Son of late Ramamurthy.V.C, 4) **DIVYA.C.R** D/o late Ramamurthy.V.C., 5) **K.LAVANYA,** D/o late Shanthi and late Dakshinamurthy. 6) **V.C. RAVICHANDRA PRAKASH.,** S/o. late Chinnaswamy 7) **PREM KUMAR.V.C.** S/o late Chinnaswamy, 8) **VASANTHA,** D/o. late Chinnaswamy, all are residing at No. Residing at No.97, 1st Main, between 4th and 5th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018. If anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents, within **10 (Ten) days** from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of the sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing No.97-98, Old No.44, Now BBMP assigned New No.97, **situated at 1 st Main Road, Albert Victor Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-5600 018** and having PID No. 46-3-97 and bounded on:

East By : Site No.13, **West By** : Site No.25
North By : Road, **South By** : Private Property

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EAST TO WEST : 12¾ FEET
NORTH TO SOUTH : 46 FEET
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No.1054/2019

BETWEEN: State Bank of India, SME Centre, Banasawadi, Bangalore ... **APPLICANT**
AND: SRI SURESH KUMAR.P., ... DEFENDANT

To: **DEFENDANT: SRI.SURESH KUMAR.P.,** Aged about 36 years, Son of Vasudevan, R/at No.25, OM Shakthi Layout, 5th cross, 3rd Main, 2nd Block, Ayyappanagar, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036. ... **APPLICANT**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULE 1996 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendant for recovery of **Rs.20,10,374/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Four Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **26-11-2020,** at 10.30 AM in the forenoon in person or pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 10th day of August 2020.

By order of the Tribunal, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A.No.913/2019

BETWEEN: State Bank of India, SME Centre, Banasawadi, Bangalore ... **APPLICANT**
AND: M/S ACCELERATE ... DEFENDANT

To: DEFENDANT: M/S ACCELERATE, No. 125, 1st floor, Star Centre, Wheelers Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005. Represented by its proprietor **SRI DEVA AROKIA DASS,** Email : deva@aclr.in, PAN NO: ADJPD9192Q, Mobile : + 91-9980999019 ... **APPLICANT**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULE 1996 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendant for recovery of **Rs. 11,15,255/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Five Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **2-12-2020** at 10.30 AM in the forenoon in person or pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 11th day of August 2020.

By order of the Court, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A. No. 332/2019

BETWEEN: State Bank of India, SME Centre, Banasawadi, Bangalore ... **APPLICANT**
AND M/S COMFORT LOGISTICS ... DEFENDANT

To: DEFENDANT, M/S COMFORT LOGISTICS., No. 108/3, 22nd Main, 6th cross, Govindarajanagar Main Road, Thimmenahalli, Bangalore-560040. Represented by its Proprietrix Smt Farha ,M,K,. Email : info@comfortlogistics. co, PAN No: AALPF9792M, Mobile : + 91-9845207688, 9901288884 ... **APPLICANT**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULE 1996 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendant for recovery of **Rs. 12,48,210/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **27-11-2020,** at 10.30 AM in the forenoon in person or pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this 12th day of August 2020.

By order of the Court, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
No. 4, 2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bengaluru-560 025.

O.A.No. 914/2019
IR.No.2867/2019

BETWEEN: State Bank of India, SME Centre, Banasawadi, Bangalore. ... **APPLICANT**
AND: M/s ANUGRAHA ENTERPRISES ... DEFENDANT

To, **DEFENDANT: M/S ANUGRAHA ENTERPRISES,** No.83, 4th Main Road, G,M,.Palya, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore-560075, Represented by its proprietor **SRI.M.SATHISH GEORGE,** Email : anugrahaenterprises @gmail.com, PAN No: AJSPG8686R, Mobile : + 91-8088940888 ...

APPLICANT

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DRT (PROCEDURE) RULE 1996 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against the defendant for recovery of **Rs. 10,33,046/- (Rupees TEN Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand and Forty Six Only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **4-12-2020** at 10.30 AM in the forenoon in person or pleader/advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 11th day of August 2020.

By order of the Court, Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I, **MR. H. NANJAIAH,** son of late Mr. Huchaiah, aged about 66 years, residing at No.10, Suddagunte Palya, C.V. Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru - 560 093 has executed a General Power of Attorney dated 23.04.2015 and Joint Development Agreement dated 23.04.2015 in the name of **MR. K. NAGESHWARRAO,** Son of late Mr. K. Muniswamy Naidu, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No.128, 1st main road, Kanaka Layout, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 070 with regard property bearing BDA Site No.22, present BBMP Katha No.22/20/22, situated at Nagarabhavi II / VI Block Extension, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, BBMP Ward No.129, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub Division, Nagarabhavi, site measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 sq.ft., (Herein after referred in the below mentioned schedule) The above mentioned General Power of Attorney dated 23.04.2015 and Joint Development Agreement dated 23.04.2015 is/was revoked/cancelled and an intimation of such revocation was sent to **MR. K. NAGESHWARRAO,** Son of late Mr. K. Muniswamy Naidu, Aged about 41 years, Residing at No.128, 1st Main Road, Kanaka Layout, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bengaluru - 560 070 vide Letter dated 08.10.2020

I, therefore, again confirm that General Power of Attorney dated 23.04.2015 and Joint Development Agreement dated 23.04.2015 is/was CANCELLED / REVOKED by me and my above attorney is not entitled to deal with the property for and on our behalf in respect of above mentioned property. If anybody deals with the above said property or any portion of the same based on the representations of **MR. K. NAGESHWARRAO,** the same will not be valid and binding on us and they will be doing so at their own risk costs and consequences and I am not responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of property bearing BDA Site No.22, present BBMP Katha No.22/20/22, situated at Nagarabhavi II/ VI Block Extension, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, BBMP Ward No.129, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Sub Division, Nagarabhavi, site measuring East to West 60 feet, North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 sq.ft., together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on

East by : Site bearing No.4 & 5, West by : Road, North by : Site bearing No.23, South by : Site bearing No.21

TRIDENT LAW PARTNERS, Advocates, No. 39/2, 4th Floor, ASVNV Bhavan, Kempe Gowda Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

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Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Total Liabilities	Details of Mortgaged Immovable Property/ies	Reserve Price/ E.M.D amount
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Name and address of the secured creditor & Address in which the tender document to be submitted	**Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Gubbi Branch, 3rd Cross, Mahalaxmi Nagar, M G Road, Gubbi Town, Dist.-Tumkur, Karnataka - 572216. Phone: 8131222094,Email: cb3472@canarabank.com**
Date & Time of E-Auction	**30.11.2020 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration on each bid)
E.M.D. Remittance Details & Last date for submission of E.M.D	Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Gubbi Branch, 3rd Cross, Mahalaxmi Nagar, M G Road, Gubbi Town, Dist.-Tumkur, Karnataka - 572216 OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 3472296000001, Canara Bank, **GUBBI** Branch, RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB00003472 on or before **28.11.2020**, 5.00 P.M.
For Further Details Contact Branch & Service Provider	Canara Bank, Gubbi Branch, 3rd Cross, Mahalaxmi Nagar, M G Road, Gubbi Town, Dist.-Tumkur, Karnataka - 572216. Phone: 8131222094. Email: cb3472@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s Antares Systems Limited Contact Person Mr. Manohar V, Mobile: 09686196756, 080-49352000, Email: manohar.s@antaressystems.com ; Website: https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com

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$850 mn was the total amount raised through initial public offerings in the quarter ended September 30, 2020, according to a report by EY India.

Being aware of costs associated with equity risks and ways to measure them is useful knowledge for investors

KEEP AN EYE ON EQUITY RISK PREMIUMS

RAJAS KELKAR

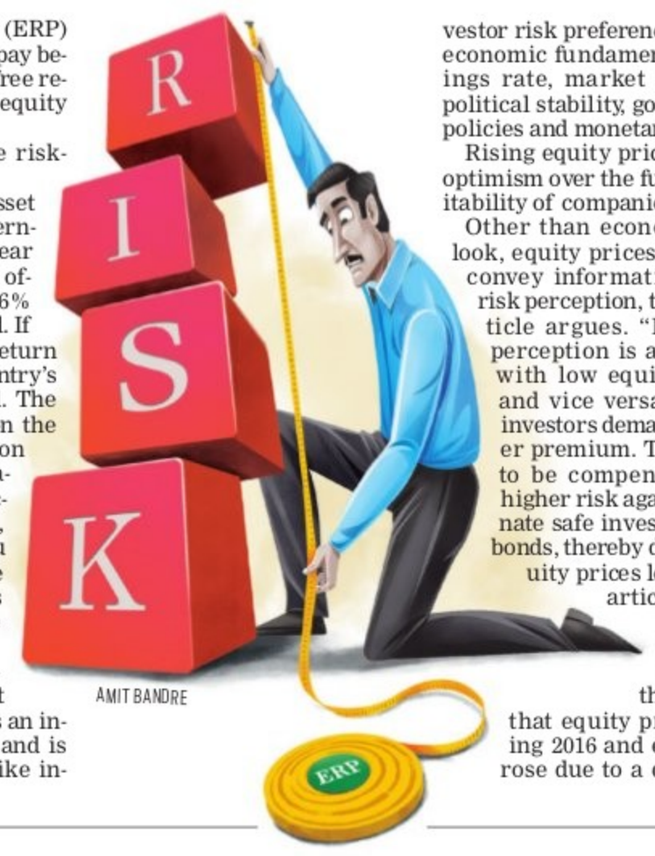
STOCK markets are all about taking risks. Higher the risk, higher the return. Lower the risk, lower the return. When you invest, you expect a return at least in line with the risk premium you pay to buy an asset. After all, your investment has to be worth it.

Equity risk premium (ERP) is the excess return you pay between holding the risk-free return bond and the risky equity investment.

Let us start with the risk-free return bond.

The most risk-free asset in the country is the government bond. It is a 10-year government bond that offers a return of about 6% annually and cannot fail. If you do not receive your return on that, it means the country's economy has collapsed. The actual rate of return on the bond may vary based on the market trend. Inflation is a crucial influencer to that rate of return, but that is the rate you will get as long as the government exists. It is usually called a risk-free return.

A Reserve Bank of India article released last week argues that ERP is an indicator of uncertainty and is dependent on factors like investor risk preference, macroeconomic fundamentals, savings rate, market liquidity, political stability, government policies and monetary policy.



AMIT BANDRE

Rising equity prices reflect optimism over the future profitability of companies.

Other than economic outlook, equity prices may also convey information about risk perception, the RBI article argues. "High-risk perception is associated with low equity prices and vice versa because investors demand a higher premium. They want to be compensated for higher risk against alternate safe investments in bonds, thereby driving equity prices lower," the article states.

The Reserve Bank study further found that equity prices during 2016 and early 2020 rose due to a decline in interest rates and equity risk premium. The dramatic fall was led by uncertainty over business earnings due to the pandemic. Equity prices recovered since March 2020 on the back of hope that businesses would get back on track of profits sooner rather than later.

Economists and analysts calculate the equity risk premium using the various method. The most popular one is the dividend discount model. The technique considers the future profitability of businesses and the potential dividend. The actual process to compute involves a maze of mathematical equations.

The RBI article reveals that the average ERP between 2005-2020 was 4.7%. It peaked at 8.2% during the global financial crisis in 2008 and jumped to 6% recently in March 2020 due to the potential stress on businesses.

Now, if you take the difference between the actual return of the BSE Sensex for the period 2005-2020 and the return on 10-year government risk-free bond, it comes to 4.8%.

That implies that investors have got a return in-line with the risk they took during those 15 years.

Risk-on and risk-off investing

The equity risk premium goes higher if you invest in a sectoral index fund that has only banks or technology companies. It rises further with individual stocks of companies.

World over, investors tend to take risks when fixed-income investments offer a lower return. In your case, you keep money in bank fixed deposits or public provident or the National Savings Certificate. As interest rates go down, your risk-free return is going down. So, if you were getting 8% on your PPF or fixed deposit two years ago, you are getting much less today.

As your risk-free return declines, you want to maintain your interest income. So, you would look for more returns by investing in equity assets. That is when you are confident of taking on more risk. When the ERP is lower, equity markets tend to get more support.

However, if inflation rises in the economy, interest rates would start to go up. Your fixed instruments would then give you a higher return. At that point, you may switch to a risk-off mode. You would focus on keeping your money in instruments that offer a guaranteed return that is giving a higher return than earlier. As a result, you would cut your exposure to equity assets and move money to fixed return instruments in a 'risk-on' investment strategy.

(The author is editor-in-chief, www.moneyminute.in)

MONEY-WISE

GETTING IT RIGHT WITH DEBT

I remember a conversation with a market participant in the wake of the series of adverse events that rocked the debt market segment of mutual funds over the last several months. She opined that she would much rather invest in equity, which eventually gives good returns, than in 'risky' debt. I also remember a more recent tele-conversation with the head of an AMC who opined that while the regulator was earlier inclined to make announcements and expect it to be followed in letter and spirit, it has now shifted to more of a proactive approach by spelling out the do's and don't's.

FINANCIAL ADVICE

ASHOK KUMAR
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Three years ago when SEBI categorised funds, the idea seemed a good one in principle. Its focus then, as that of most market participants back then, was on equity funds and while the categorisation per se was just about satisfactory, the universe of what comprised mid-caps and small-caps for the purposes of fund allocation raised several eyebrows. Instead of correcting that obvious fault line, a recent iteration about a certain category of funds that followed only seems to have compounded the problem. Hopefully, better sense might prevail on that front, post industry representations.

Against such a backdrop, the idea of the regulator to introduce a stringent Risk-o-meter for debt funds seems to be a step in the right direction. Mind you, this has come after a series of debacles in the debt mutual fund space that first led to the concept of side-pocketing and culminated in the unprecedented move by an AMC of international standing to unilaterally shut down its schemes and literally leave its investors holding the bucket. Seemingly having been blind-sided by the actions of the Fund Manager of the above-mentioned AMC just like its investors were, SEBI would do well to ensure that unit holders do not get short-changed and every rupee owed is repaid.

Getting back to the Risk-o-meter, three years ago when SEBI came up with its categorisation of funds, it missed categorically defining the quantum of duration risk a credit risk fund can take, as also the quantum of credit risk that a duration fund can take. Now, post a series of mishaps where investors got badly bruised, the regulator has prescribed affixing a numerical risk value to liquidity risk, credit risk, and interest rate risk of a debt mutual fund's security holding. The regulator has also asked fund houses to revise the Risk-o-meters of their schemes on a monthly basis and disclose it on their website from January 2021. The change this entails is that even within the same debt fund category, two different schemes can have different risk levels based on the instruments they hold. This is expected to be useful in determining suitability of a fund based on the risk appetite of an investor.

Will this lower the risk of all debt funds ? Perhaps not, but a simple risk rating number affixed to it could at least improve transparency and help some investors calibrate their risks.

REGULATORY DIKTAT

Tweaks expand health insurance cover, but premiums now costlier

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THIS month has seen a large scale revamp of the Indian health insurance sector, resulting in, among other things, higher premiums due to mandatory coverage for conditions excluded earlier, EMI-based premium payments, and a major change to the pre-existing conditions clause.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has over the past few months, announced several tweaks to health insurance guidelines, a process accelerated by the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. All these changes have gone into force beginning October 1 on all new and existing health insurance policies.

Among the more significant changes is the one where previously uncovered conditions are now mandatory under a general health insurance cover. Insurers are now barred from excluding conditions such as those arising due to hazardous activity, treatment for mental illnesses, age-related conditions such as cataracts, internal congenital diseases, artificial life maintenance, etc. A comprehensive health insurance plan has to cover all these, besides others such as behaviour and neurodevelopment disorders.

The flipside, of course, is that this has resulted in health premiums rising sharply-upto 45 per cent in some cases. Industry analysts say that the average price rise is likely to be around 15-20 per cent across products.

But, the tweaks have also standardised exclusion policies. Insurers now have to spell out specifically the conditions that are not covered under the insurance policy to the customers, with detailed guidelines on specific words laid out by the regulator.

No insurers will be able to reject claims on an insurance policy that has completed eight years where the customer has paid premiums continuously, except in cases of proven fraud and permanent exclusions.

The definition of pre-existing disease/conditions (PED) have also been modified. Now, any condition diagnosed by a physician 48 months before the policy is issued will be classified as a PED. As will any condition for which any medical advice or treatment was recommended by a qualified doctor 48 months before issuance. Conditions whose symptoms have resulted within three months of the issuance are also PEDs. However, the regulator has also issued a list of exclusions that will be allowed, and insurers are not allowed to exclude any condition which does not feature on this list.

EMI premium payments

- Changes include provisions for insurers to allow customers to pay premiums as EMIs
- This can vary between monthly, quarterly, or half-yearly, according to the PFRDA circular.
- However, this is just an option provided to the insurer and not mandatory.

Centre to come up with guaranteed returns product under NPS scheme

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER seeing a good response from investors with regards to the National Pension Scheme (NPS), the central government is planning to launch another guaranteed return product by the end of this fiscal year.

"The regulator will formulate a product this financial year and give it to the board. May be in the next six months you may see that a product is ready, but launch my take time," PFRDA chief Supratim Bandyopadhyay said.

While discussions were already on over the formulation of the scheme, the Covid-19 pandemic had derailed the process. However, now that the economy is showing signs of recovery, work on the product will resume.

Bandyopadhyay also added that the regulator will be

forming a committee very shortly on the matter. "We will formulate a product this financial year and give it to the board. May be in the next six months you may see that a product is ready but launch my take time," he added.

Generally guaranteed products have a different charge and fee structure, a reason why they are not entertained by the either stock market Securities and Exchanges Board of India (SEBI) or the insurance companies, since they feel it is not a viable product in the long run.

"It is part of our Act (to offer guaranteed product), we have to do it. The moment you give a guaranteed product, the capital adequacy requirement for the fund managers goes up. Currently, what we are doing (is) that the product is absolutely marked-to-market basis. So, we are not taking any investment risk on ourselves," the PFRDA chief explained, however.

As on October 10, 2020, the total number of subscribers under the NPS and APY schemes has crossed 3.76 crore, and the assets under management metric (AUM) has grown to ₹5,05,424 crore, he added. "We believe, we will be very close to ₹6 lakh crore AUM (by year-end). But nobody can tell about the market forces...But it will be very close to ₹6 lakh crore, if not ₹6 lakh crore, " he observed.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA

Current Price ₹606.45

Target Price ₹735

M&M is the best proxy on rural recovery in the auto segment with strong footing in the tractor and LCV business. Also, the company enjoys strong positioning in two of its three core businesses, resulting in robust profitability. Despite M&M's recent outperformance, valuations are still at substantial discount to 5-year average (capturing deterioration in UV market share and subsidiaries' performance).

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

Adani Group, Piramal among 4 bidders for DHFL

New Delhi: Adani Group and Piramal Enterprises are among the four entities that have placed bids for DHFL, the first financial services player undergoing insolvency process, PTI reported quoting sources. The US-based Oaktree and Hong Kong-based SC Lowy has also submitted bids for DHFL on October 17, the last date to submit final bids. DHFL was the first finance company to be referred to NCLT by the RBI using special powers under section 227.

DLF raises ₹2,400 cr to refinance debt

New Delhi: DLF's rental arm DCCDL has raised ₹2,400 crore debt from India's largest lender SBI to refinance its existing debt and fund future expansion plans, PTI reported DLF's group chief financial officer (CFO) Vivek Anand as saying. He added that the interest rate for the debt is 7.35 per cent,

Higher NPAs hinder transmission: RBI

New Delhi: High incidence of non-performing assets (NPAs) in banks acts as a major roadblock in transmission of monetary policy actions of the Reserve Bank, a working paper prepared by the RBI said. It also argued for capital injection in PSBs, stating that this would increase the credit flow.

Buying a car to limit exposure to Covid? Make sure it does not hurt your wallet

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

WITH the festive season finally here, many who can afford to are planning to buy cars since the public transportation system has begun to be seen as unsafe due to the pandemic. However, while safe transport is an important need, so is keeping financial problems at bay.

Considering that a car is a big ticket purchase for most people, there are many things one should chalk out clearly before committing to buy one.

First and foremost is deciding how much to spend on the vehicle. Your budget needs to factor in the tenure of the debt (if you are taking a car loan), the interest rate you pay, the cost of insurance, etc. Do your homework and research and also decide on which model suits your needs and budget best.

Another major factor is whether you want to own a used car or a new one. Loans are available for both, but one needs to decide what works best. You must ensure that you do not add to your financial stress, and used cars are cheaper. "People usually like to buy high-end models, but remember that your car should bring happiness and relief, not additional financial burdens," said S Jayakumar, Chennai-based financial consultant.

If you take a car loan, think long and hard on the right EMI burden. Factors such as interest rate and tenure should be considered deeply. Dealers may want to lower your monthly payment to make the car seem affordable, but they will just extend the tenure, and hence interest costs.

LIMITING EXPOSURE

Ensure you maximise savings, minimise spending while shopping this festive season

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

WHETHER you are a shopaholic or not, enticing offers from the retailers, e-commerce platforms, or even banks, can be irresistible during the festival season. The month long festival period in India is considered especially auspicious by many when it comes to making new purchases-both big and small. Add to this hosting big parties, and gifting to friends and relatives-your finances may take an ill-timed dent, considering the shape of the economy. However, with a little financial planning and precision, one can make the most of the shopping season, without getting into a debt trap.

Here are a few points to consider before you go about splurging this festive season, according to experts from Citibank India, paisabazaar.com and bankbazaar.com:

Plan your shopping budget

The good old advice of planning your expenses in advance should be taken more seriously in current times. Irrespective of the offers you are flooded with, prepare your shopping list at least a month in advance. This should be based on what you need and allot the maximum budget possible under each category. Unless you are missing out on something extraordinary, always stick to this list.

Avail credit/debit card/ wallet discounts

As is the case every festive season, retailers, e-commerce platforms, and brands have exclusive partnerships with banks and digital payment platforms which makes it possible to avail discounts. In some cases, one can avail rewards while using credit cards. It is always wise to pay by credit/debit cards, or

even wallets, due to the discounts and cashbacks available compared to cash.

Go simple, but creative with gifting or hosting parties

With Covid-19 cases still on a rise, grand parties this Diwali may be out of question. However, for small gatherings and gifting, stick to creative and simple options. Personalised gifts are worth opting for and go easy on your pocket. For example, if you have a creative streak, make a painting or craftwork. Or, if you have a knack for cooking or baking, make some for your friends and gift wrap them, suggests Adhil Shetty, CEO, BankBazaar.com in a recent blogpost.

Save for the rainy day

Whether you are an exceptional employee who has got a new raise or have suffered a wage-cut, it is always advisable to clear your EMIs, credit card payments, and utilities payments before beginning to shop for the festival season. The bonuses or incentives you may get, according to wealth managers, should go into your savings accounts or investments such as mutual funds rather than festive season spending.

5. For big ticket purchases, compare finance options

If owning a house, car or enrolling your children in an overseas institution is on your mind, compare the finance options from various lenders in terms of EMIs, processing fees, down payments, loan tenure, etc. In case of small ticket loans, one can approach digital lenders who are now providing the same services to people with lower risk guarantees.

Elavenil wins gold, Shahu silver in online shooting

World No 1 Indian Elavenil Valarivan won gold and Shahu Tushar Mane bagged silver in the Sheikh Russel International Air Rifle Championship, held virtually on Sunday. Elavenil shot 627.5 to come out on top. In the men's event, Tushar shot 623.8 to settle for second place.

IPL TABLE

Team	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
DC	9	7	2	14	0.921
MI	9	6	3	12	1.201
RCB	9	6	3	12	-0.096
KKR	9	5	4	10	-0.607
SRH	9	3	6	6	0.008
KXIP	9	3	6	6	-0.262
CSK	9	3	6	6	-0.386
RR	9	3	6	6	-0.778

ORANGE CAP

KL RAHUL
525 RUNS

PURPLE CAP

RABADA
19 WKTS

SIX-O-METER
485

FAIRPLAY
KKR

Updated till KXIP vs MI match

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SPORTING LIFE

LIVE TODAY

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CSK vs RR @ 7.30 PM
Star Sports 1/Hotstar

FOOTBALL: EPL
West Brom vs Burnley
SS Select 2/Hotstar @ 10 pm

FAST TRACK: LOCKIE UNLOCKED

Kiwi speedster makes instant impact with three wickets, bowls two-run Super Over to help KKR edge SRH

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

PRIOR to this edition of the Indian Premier League, Kolkata Knight Riders had broken the bank to rope in Pat Cummins to spearhead their pace attack. But the Australian hasn't been able to make the kind of impact that the likes of Kagiso Rabada, Trent Boult, Jasprit Bumrah or Jofra Archer made for their teams. After nine games, he has three wickets.

While KKR's struggles this year go beyond just Cummins' lack of wickets, it is fair to say that they are not getting enough out of their investment. And it spoke volumes when new skipper Eoin Morgan threw the ball to Lockie Ferguson in the Super Over against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Sunday.

Even though Ferguson was only playing his first match of this edition, the Kiwi had already proved to be the difference between the two sides and it was a no-brainer for Morgan to give Ferguson bowl the Super Over. Ferguson matched Cummins's tournament tally of three wickets from his four overs (3-15) and then went onto concede just two in the Super Over while dismissing David Warner and Abdul Samad in the first three balls.

Kolkata's Lockie Ferguson (C) after dismissing Hyderabad skipper David Warner in the Super Over on Sunday | SPORTZPICS

Whether it was by accident or design, KKR might have stumbled upon their strike bowler which they hoped was Cummins. But if the Kiwi continues to perform like the way he did on Sunday, Cummins would have to take a backseat.

The win helps KKR put some distance between themselves and fifth-placed SRH, other than helping them reduce the gap between themselves and third-placed Royal Challengers Bangalore to just two points.

As for Sunrisers, their worries continue to mount with an injury to Kane Williamson and a third straight defeat. It was a surprise that Warner decided to bowl after winning the toss at a time when teams are preferring to bat first and defend.

Their bowling unit did a decent job until Morgan and Karthik unleashed fury in the last few overs. Before the two came together, it seemed as if KKR would settle for 140-150. Karthik hit a 14-ball 29.

The chase became tougher for SRH due to a hamstring injury to Williamson. He opened with Bairstow. Despite hobbling and batting almost on one leg, he forged a 50-run partnership.

Ferguson was introduced at the end of powerplay and dismissed Williamson with his first ball. The SRH skipper nearly guided his team to win, but the pacer almost single-handedly took the game away from them.

Brief scores: KKR 163/5 in 20 ovs (Gill 36, Morgan 34, Natarajan 2/40) **beat** SRH 163/6 in 20 ovs (Warner 47 n.o, Bairstow 36, Ferguson 3/15) **in Super Over**.

SUPER OVER

SUNRISERS BATTING
BOWLER: LOCKIE FERGUSON
W 2 W

KNIGHT RIDERS BATTING
BOWLER: RASHID KHAN
0 1 0 2

Jadeja's last over helped us: Dhawan

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

THE sight of Ravindra Jadeja coming on to bowl the last over against Delhi Capitals raised eyebrows. Chennai Super Kings lost the match after the left-arm spinner failed to defend 17 in that over. Dwayne Bravo out injured, Jadeja and Karn Sharma were all that the MS Dhoni could choose from.

Delhi Capitals' Shikhar Dhawan, who made an unbeaten 101, felt Jadeja bowling the final over turned out to be an advantage for them. "We knew Bravo would not be able to bowl the last over and it would be bowled by Jadeja. We, being left-handers, had a certain advantage against him," Dhawan said.

With Axar Patel hitting three sixes, Dhawan had little to do in that last over. Jadeja, who is not having a good season as a bowler, was expensive in the only other over he had bowled in the match. Bowling the seventh, he had gone for 13 runs. Leg-spinner Karn had gone for 34 in his three overs.

Although the match looked lost for Chennai well before the end, Sam Curran had brought them back by bowling a miserly 19th over, in which he conceded just four runs. "Curran bowled well. But there was dew and we (as a batting side) took advantage of that," Dhawan said after the match.

KXIP win double Super Over tie

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THERE was drama after drama after drama in Sunday's second match between Mumbai Indians and Kings XI Punjab in Dubai. For the first time in the history of IPL, a match twice went to Super Overs. In the end, Kings XI emerged winners.

This situation didn't look likely when Kings XI needed nine from the last over. Jasprit Bumrah was done with his four overs. So Rohit Sharma opted for Trent Boult. With two needed off the last ball, Chris Jordan was run out going for the second. Over to Super Over.

Bumrah bowled a brilliant over, conceding five and taking two wickets. So Mohammed Shami had to concede less than six. Mumbai needed two off the last ball and Quinton de Kock was run out this time. Over to Super Over again.

It was Jordan's turn to be in the thick of things again. Facing him were Hardik Pandya and Kieron Pollard. Despite bowling two wides, Jordan went for 11, to give his team a chance of pulling it off.

Boult came up bowl against Chris Gayle and Mayank Agarwal. After the West Indies player hit a six off the first ball and took a single off the next, Agarwal struck successive fours to finish the match with two balls to spare.

Earlier, Mumbai overcame a terrible start thanks to Pollard and Nathan Coulter-Nile at the death to end with 176/6. Rahul responded brilliantly, scoring a 51-ball 77. Mainly due to him and Deepak Hooda's unbeaten 16-ball 23, Punjab forced a tie. There was sloppy cricket all around, but in the end, the match entered the record books for the Super Overs.

Brief scores: MI 176/6 (De Kock 53, Pollard 34 n.o). KXIP 176/6 (Rahul 77, Bumrah 3/24). KXIP won in 2nd Super Over.

EXPRESS READ

Vinesh & Co test negative, training from Monday

NEW DELHI: All 12 women wrestlers who had assembled at the SAI centre in Lucknow, including Vinesh Phogat, have tested negative for coronavirus, clearing the decks for resumption of training from Monday. Olympic medallist Sakshi Malik (62kg), Seema (50kg), Lalita (53kg) and Nisha (68kg) will join the training camp from October 25, according to national coach Kuldeep Malik.

IN ABU DHABI | CHENNAI SUPER KINGS VS RAJASTHAN ROYALS | H2H CSK 14, RR 8

BATTLE OF SURVIVAL

Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals, who meet on Monday, find themselves at the bottom half of the table with three victories from nine matches each. Both are desperate to keep their slim qualification hopes alive. Talking points...

BATTING DISORDER

Despite starting on a good note, Rajasthan have been unable to produce results due to failure of batsmen. After some initial spark, Sanju Samson has gone quiet. Skipper Steve Smith redeemed himself in the last match and Jos Buttler has not contributed significantly. That Rahul Tewatia, a lower-order bat, is their second-highest run-getter speaks of their batsmen's lean run.

SLOPPY FIELDING

One reason for Chennai's poor run this season is fielding errors. Apart from dropping sitters a number of times, players have failed to latch on to half chances and run out opportunities. Athleticism and fielding is becoming a challenge for MSD's ageing side. That death over specialist Dwayne Bravo is also out for a few weeks after suffering a groin injury is an added concern.

109
Dot balls by RR's Jofra Archer, most this IPL.

52.14
CSK opener Faf du Plessis's average this season.

SERVICE HALTED

Visa hurdle forces shuttlers to skip Germany trip

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

Lakshya Sen will take part in the event

THE just-concluded Denmark Open marked the return of badminton. Among Indians, Kidambi Srikanth made an impression before going down in a hard-fought contest in the quarterfinals. Young Lakshya Sen began with promise before falling short in the second round. Now, the focus has shifted to SaarLorLux Open in Germany.

As per the tournament entry list, there are 10 Indians including Lakshya, the defending champion in men's singles. But it is learnt that only three including Lakshya, who's currently staying at an academy in Denmark, will be part of the BWF Super 100 event scheduled from October 27 to November 1. Barring Lakshya, Subhankar Dey and Ajay Jayaram (Denmark Open participants), others have been forced to withdraw from the $90,000 event in Saarbrucken as there were complications with regards to visa.

Mithun Manjunath, who trains at Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA) in Bengaluru, is among those who were forced to pull out. "Around five players (from PPBA) were supposed to go for the event, but couldn't get the visa. Their entries were revoked," Mithun's father Manjunath told this daily.

Kiran George, Alap Mishra, Chirag Sen and Ira Sharma are others from the academy who suffered a similar fate. "We sent the entries but we were told by agents that we can't apply. The person who got us visa for Denmark Open said that the person from the German Embassy was not responding. There were plenty of complications because of the ongoing pandemic. Hence, the players were forced to withdraw," a PPBA official explained.

The shuttlers from PPBA have withdrawn from another meet in Portugal (Nov 5-8).

While they were able to pull out on time for Portugal, they were late for the Germany meet. The last day for withdrawal without penalty was October 5. That means the shuttlers might have to pay a fine as per BWF (world body) statutes. "Shuttlers were hoping to go until the last minute. These are challenging times and there's so much uncertainty. We'll write to BWF, requesting them to waive off fines," the PPBA official said.

Europe has been witnessing a record number of Covid-19 cases in recent days. France and Germany have come up with new protocols as part of combat measures. "They are not even accepting some players who've the visa. If the embassy is not allowing us to travel, it becomes difficult," a Badminton Association of India official said, confirming the withdrawals.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT

Tenders are invited for the Biannual work contract for operation and maintenance of Effluent treatment plant on Daily for 3 shifts at Udupi Dairy, Uppoor Udupi under two bid (Technical and Commercial) systems through procurement portal of government of Karnataka The Interested Contractors / Agencies may apply through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl.No.	Name of the work	EMD(in Rs)
1	Biannual work contract for operation and maintenance of Effluent treatment plant on Daily for 3 shifts at Udupi Dairy,Uppoor Udupi	50,000/-

The last date for submission of bids is **10-11-2020 up to 4.00 PM**
Date of opening of technical tender is on **12-11-2020 at 4:30 PM**
Date of opening of Commercial tender: will be initiated later.
Item wise detailed Tender Form cost is as E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Further details can be had from e-procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Helpdesk phone: **080-46010000 / 22631200** and email : **support@ihelpdsk. com.**
Date: 16-10-2020
Place: Mangalore
Sd/-,**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. 908/BGK/SEE/AEE(C)/Tr.(W&M)C/20-21/3406-21 Date: 17.10.2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

KPTCL invites bids for conducting detail survey for line works and Contouring/Block Leveling survey and Geo-technical investigation coming under the Jurisdiction of Superintending Engineer (Ele)., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Bagalkot.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through Brief Tender Notification will be displayed on the office Notice Board form the office of the undersigned on or after **5.30 PM on 19.10.2020**. Other details can be obtained from this office during office hours.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Zonal Office Complex, Opp. Sector No. 45, Navanagar, Bagalkot - 587 103. Ph: 08354-236032, Fax: 08354-236029.**

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IFTNO.:KMF/NPFP/PUR/E-TENDER/Call-2/128-6/03/2020-21 Date: 16-10-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Call-2)
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

KMF Unit: Nandini Packaging Film Plant, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible tenderers for Transportation of Granules from (10 MTs capacity vehicle) M/s. Reliance Industries Limited, RIL Depot, Sy.No.42, 43, 44, Araresandra, Nelamangala, Kalaghatta(P), Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru, Karnataka(29), 562123 to Nandini Packaging Film Plant, Munnekolalu, HAL Road, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037. For a period of 2 years contract. **1)** Commencement of download of e-tender document: **19.10.2020 from 11.00 AM. 2)** The last date for submission of tender: **02.11.2020 upto 11.00 AM. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Tender : **04.11.2020 at 11.00 AM. 4)** Date of Opening of Commercial Tender : **Will be intimated later.** For tender document details visit: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- General Manager
Nandini Packaging Film Plant

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NO: KSPCB/118/SEO/MINES/EPH/2020-21/2848 Dated: 14.10.2020

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Sona Minerals have proposed to undertake Dolomite Mine of capacity 1,20,000 TPA in a total area of 13.69 Hectare in **Sy. No. 282, 277 & 276 (P), Shirur Village, Bagalkot Taluk & District.** The project has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No. SEIAA 845 MIN 2019 Dated: 14.05.2020 and request of the project proponent dated 01.06.2020, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	Name of the Company & Address:	**M/s. Sona Minerals** Smt. Kavitha S. Malligeri W/o Shivanand S. Malligeri, 191H, Extension Area, Bagalkot District.
2.	Proposed Location of Mine	**Sy. No. 282, 277 & 276 (P), Shirur Village, Bagalkot Taluk & District**
3.	Details of activity	Proposed to undertake Dolomite Mine of capacity 1,20,000 TPA
4.	Pollution control measures	The Domestic effluent generated from the quarry office is discharged into a chemical toilet. Rainwater harvesting will be carried out in order to improve groundwater resources of the area. Water sprinkling is done during loading operations to control dust emissions. Plantation of thick greenbelt is provided around lease area boundary i.e., along 7.5m safety zone and also in the entire area along the pit, dumps & the periphery of the stacks.
5.	Date, time and venue of public hearing	**20.11.2020 at 12.00 PM – at the proposed area of Sy. No. 282, 277 & 276 (Part), Shirur Village, Bagalkot Taluk & District.**
6.	Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:	(a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot (c) District Industries Centre, Bagalkot (d) Gram Panchayat Office, Shirur (e) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot (g) SEIAA Karnataka (Ecology and Environment), Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 709, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru – 560 001 (h) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: http://kspcb.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department,
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
No.: FD 01 BMB 2020 Date: 15.10.2020

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount** : **Total Rs. 2000 Crore (Rs.1000 Crore - 10 Year Tenure and Rs.1000 Crore - 12 Year Tenure)**
2. **Method of Issue** : **By auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of auction** : **October 20, 2020**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bengaluru. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock up to 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

DIPR/DDU/29/MCA/20-21

COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS. ACT RESPONSIBLY, AVOID INFECTION-NOT THE INFECTED.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

The UK government's senior scientific advisers have warned that reinfections with Covid-19 are "to be expected" as the novel coronavirus spreads and that the timeframe between each infection may be 'relatively short'. According to a paper by the Covid-19 Genomics UK Consortium, it remains unclear at what point recovered people become vulnerable to reinfection, but the prospect of reinfections does exist.

LIVE COVID FOUND ON CHINA PACK

It is the first time that the virus was detected and isolated from the cold food chain

HEALTH

BEIJING: China's health authority has confirmed the detection and isolation of living novel coronavirus on the outer packaging of imported frozen marine fish in Qingdao, in what it described as the first detection of its kind on the cold food chain in the world.

The authorities in the port city of Qingdao, where a new cluster of Covid-19 cases were reported recently, conducted tests on all of its about 11 million population. No new clusters of cases were found after the tests, authorities said.

In July, China suspended imports of frozen shrimp after the deadly virus was found on packages and the inner wall of a container.

The Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Saturday said it detected and isolated the living novel coronavirus on the outer packaging of imported frozen cod (large marine fish) in Qingdao. The finding was made during an investigation to trace the source of recent infections reported in the city.

It has proved that contact with packaging contaminated by living novel coronavirus could lead to infection, *Xinhua* news agency reported, quoting the CDC statement. The statement, however, did not mention the country from where the package was imported.

It is the first time in the world that living novel coronavirus has been isolated from the outer packaging of cold-chain

food, the statement said. The agency said the risk of cold-chain food circulating in China's market being contaminated by the novel coronavirus is very low, citing recent nucleic acid test results for samples taken from the business.

Days after joining the World Health Organisation's (WHO) COVAX alliance to equitably distribute Covid-19 vaccines across the world, China has stepped up the usage of its coronavirus vaccines to three more cities for urgent use.

The cities of Yiwu, Ningbo and Shaoxing are targeting key groups with urgent need for vaccinations against Covid-19 following the city of Jiaxing, state-run *Global Times* quoted another daily, *The Paper*, as reporting on Saturday.

Earlier on Thursday, health authorities in Jiaxing announced that the city has been administering inactivated Covid-19 vaccines among high-risk groups and will gradually offer it to ordinary citizens for urgent use.

Meanwhile, the National Health Commission on Sunday said 13 confirmed Covid-19 cases, all arriving from outside the mainland, were reported on Saturday.

FACT OF THE MATTER

UK vaccine by New Year?

HEALTHCARE

One of the UK's senior-most medical chiefs has indicated that a vaccine against Covid-19 could be ready to be deployed by the start of the New Year, according to a report in *The Sunday Times*. Jonathan Van-Tam, England's Deputy Chief Medical Officer and one of the government's advisers on the pandemic, has reportedly told members of Parliament that the vaccine created at Oxford University and being manufactured by AstraZeneca could be ready for rollout soon after Christmas in December. In India, the vaccine has a Serum Institute of India tie-up as it undergoes trials.

Virus active for 9 hours on skin

DISEASE

The coronavirus remains active on human skin for nine hours, Japanese researchers have found, in a discovery they said showed the need for frequent hand washing to combat the Covid-19 pandemic. The pathogen that causes the flu survives on human skin for about 1.8 hours by comparison, said the study published this month in the *Clinical Infectious Diseases* journal. The researchers tested skin collected from autopsy specimens, about one day after death.

Post-Covid impact on organs

STUDY

Scientists have assessed more than 200 people infected with the novel coronavirus and found that there was significant evidence of heart, lung, liver and pancreas impairment four months post-Covid-19 in young individuals without risk factors or pre-existing disease. The yet-to-be peer-reviewed study, published in the preprint repository *medRxiv*, found that four months after the initial symptoms, participants still experienced ongoing cardiorespiratory (92 per cent) and gastrointestinal (73 per cent) symptoms and 42 per cent of individuals had ten or more symptoms.

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Happy birthday

American actor, screenwriter, film director and comedian Jonathan Kolia Favreau, popularly called Jon Favreau, was born on this day in 1966

POPULAR ROLES

He is best known for appearing in films including *Iron Man*, *Avengers: End Game* as well directing films such as *The Lion King*, and *Elf*. He also played a cameo in season 3 of *Friends*

IN THE MARVEL WORLD

He is the first person to appear in a Marvel Comic film adaptation, (*Daredevil*) as well as direct one (*Iron Man* and *Iron Man 2*). He is also the first person to play two unrelated Marvel characters

AWARDS

In 2016, he won the Hollywood blockbuster award for *The Jungle Book*. In 2018, he was honoured with the Life Achievement Award, and in 2019 he was inducted as a Disney legend

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As marathons turn virtual this year, runners who feed off the energy of the crowd, wait to get back on the real course

HURDLES IN THE RACE

Anubhav Karmakar (left), marathoner

Vidya Iyengar

When Anubhav Karmakar participated in the virtual London marathon recently, he suddenly decided to drop out after the 30-km mark. It was an unusual decision for Karmakar, who challenges himself on the race track, and emerged as the fastest Indian in the New York City Marathon in 2019. "With my pace dropping, I could not find the energy that fuels an athlete at the virtual event. I just looked at it as training ground and didn't want to push myself. After recovering, I completed the remaining 12 km in the evening ," says Karmakar, who, nonetheless, has signed up for the upcoming virtual NYC Marathon. "The lockdown slowed down the practice sessions, and I could not put in more than 90 km a week, while I was otherwise clocking in 130km," he says.

Going virtual may be the buzz word in these times, but athletes are still grappling with this idea. Take, for instance, Deepti Karthik, who took part in the virtual Boston Marathon, but has decided not to sign up for anymore until she can actually participate in the 'real' races. "That motivation that is there at an international race is completely lacking. Having attended several of them, it's nothing short of a carnival," says Karthik, who completed the run in 4.12 as opposed to her target of a sub-four. She has also put off her goal of completing the six world majors, which she had originally wanted to this year, indefinitely. "I have another three to go, but I am fine with the wait. The virtual races are not my kind," she says.

Though Dr Harish Vasista, who ran the virtual London race, echoes similar sentiments of the experiences being incomparable, he soaked in this different vibe. With a cyclist accompanying him with his hydration and nutritional requirements, and his wife, and running group, Pace Makers, cheering him on, Vasista ran at Hesaraghatta Lake. "I did the best I could after having registered just 30 days before the event. It might not have been my personal best at 3.48, but there were a lot of hurdles in training under the lockdown," he says.

Gauri Jayaram, founder of Active Holiday Company, which is the official tour operator for India for the six world major marathons, points out that small sign-up numbers, no cheering, and lack of a congregation have given rise to the luke-warm response to the virtual concept. "That adrenaline rush that runners experience helps them push themselves at moments when they want to give up. Runners like to interact with each other and share stories, which is missing now," she says.

As she has been dealing with cancellations this year, she finds that a large number of usual participants have defer red their participation to next year, while many asked for a refund. "Dates for the world majors are mostly announced, with most being pushed to the second half of the year. This is a sign which gives many hope," says Jayaram.

Dr Harish Vasista **Pic: Anju KP**

Deepti Karthik

HOW IT WORKS

A virtual race is run remotely after registering for it. Different races have different methods. For instance, participants in the virtual 2020 Boston Marathon were required to complete the 42.2 km distance within a six-hour time period and provide proof of timing to the Boston Athletic Association.The timing is recorded on GPS watches, which is then uploaded on the marathon website.

The bigger picture to focus on is favouritism: Yami Gautam

Express Features

Actor Yami Gautam's new film, *Ginny Weds Sunny*, premiered recently on Netflix and she is now gearing up for shooting her upcoming horror comedy, *Bhoot Police* starring Saif Ali Khan, Arjun Kapoor and Jacqueline Fernandez. The actor, known for her distinctive oeuvre which includes a host of interesting and different roles, got candid in this chat arranged as part of Time Pass, a series of webinars organised by The New Indian Express group, and hosted by senior journalist Kaveree Bamzai.

Yami, speaking from her hometown Chandigarh, confessed that the lockdown has been a roller-coaster ride for her, a time during which she learned to reconnect with herself. According to her, the pandemic has turned out to be a wake-up call that has reinforced the importance of humanity and the healing power of love.

Talking about OTT, Yami Gautam affirmed that streaming platforms have emerged as a saviour during such tough times for both audiences and the film fraternity. "It is a huge game changer," the actor stated, and noted how in previous years, artistes used to think twice before signing for OTT content. The actor believes that theatres would continue to have their charm, even as streaming has established itself as a lucrative parallel. The actor has a new theatre release with *Bhoot Police and* is also set to star in an original OTT release, A *Thursday*, directed by Behzad Khambata. Sharing her experience on dubbing *Ginny Weds Sunny* during the pandemic, she admitted that it was difficult to get into the skin of a joyous character during the tumult of the Covid-19 crisis.

Shooting for *Bhoot Police* begins in Himachal Pradesh where the infection rate is relatively lower. The actor questioned whether the film industry is financially and mentally prepared to start shooting with the necessary precautions in place. When the topic veered to the nepotism debate, she said the discourse on this topic is deep-rooted. She said that while someone from the fraternity launching their friends or close ones is fair, what is unfair is when someone is elevated at the cost of another's opportunity. "For me, it is not just about nepotism, but favouritism. That is the bigger picture," she added. Yami ended the conversation by sharing that her philosophy of acting is not dependent on any formula, and that she would like to try out all kinds of roles.

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Content streaming on OTT platforms is a huge game changer

—**Yami Gautam,** actor

INSIDE

Cheering for chants: Shloka lessons for little ones

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Of tails and childhood tales

Vidya Iyengar

As a young girl who spent her childhood in Thiruvananthapuram in a large ancestral home, **Usha Rajagopalan**'s childhood was spent amidst rich flora and fauna. Her father, who was in the Indian Forest Service, used to bring home abandoned and injured baby animals which she nurtured with his help before taking them to the zoo in the city. Some of these early experiences have been brought to life in Rajagopalan's recently-released book, *The Zoo in My Backyard*.

"This is in the genre of nature writing which was popularised by conservationist Gerald Durrell's *My Family and Other Animals*. In the final proof stage, my sister suggested I connect with his family. His wife, Dr Lee Durrell, was quick to respond, requesting for a manuscript to write the foreword. This was really a highlight of the project," says the 65-year-old writer, who rose to prominence as a lake warrior when she took charge of reviving Puttenahalli lake in South Bengaluru.

This project – her eighth book – has been on her on mind for over 10 years, but owing to different commitments, including work on the lake and other book deals, it didn't take off until recently. "I was very keen that my mother reads the book. So, as soon as I received the book, I sent a copy to her. She still lives in the 110-year-old ancestral home that I grew up in. Though she hasn't been able to read it, she keeps it next to her at all times," she says.

A perfectionist who revises her draft over and over, Rajagopalan spent the last couple of months tweaking and editing details. "In the brief time that they were with us, these creatures, great and small, enriched our lives. I remember this particular monkey, Kesavan, who used to pull out wires from the fuse box, leading to parts of the house plunging into darkness. My father would go with a torch and then we would find him putting back wires into the box," she recalls with a laugh.

Published by Manipal Universal Press, the 160-odd page book was also released earlier this month by the Kerala Forest Department. Incidentally, this was the same department her father was associated with. "It was such a great feeling, and I felt that I had repaid my gratitude for my childhood experience," she says.

ON THE SAME PAGE

In the words of American naturalist Dr Lee Durrell, "*The Zoo in My Backyard*, typifies the genre most charmingly. Usha Rajagopalan, in an easygoing, fun-to-read writing style, portrays her large family and the even larger number of animals that shared the familial home in southern India in the 1960s."

CITY READ

Voicing the plight of the trans community

Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore has initiated a project to create awareness about the transgender community by staging a solo performance play called *Virtual Street Play*. It is being staged on October 29, on their Facebook page. The play is presented by A Revathi, a city-based actor, writer and activist working for the rights of sexual minorities, and is based on her autobiography, called *Badhukku Bayalu*.

A Revathi

A bare beginning

Monika Monalisa

Santosh Theatre wears a deserted look on Saturday **| Shriram BN**

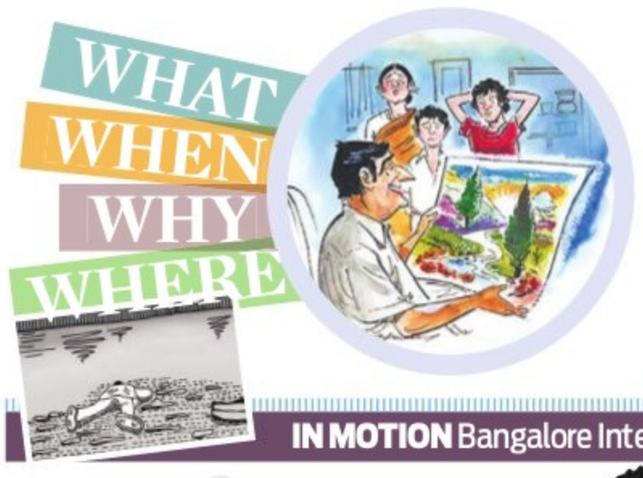
Fear of the Covid-19 pandemic seems to have overridden the excitement among people of going to theatres to enjoy a movie on the big screen. The first weekend of the reopening of cinema halls after the lockdown saw a poor response from filmgoers, with theatres getting just 10-15 per cent footfall. However, owners say they are hopeful that the business will bounce back with the festival season coming up.

Single-screen theatres as well as multiplexes donned a deserted look during the weekend, even though they opened after a gap of six months. For instance, Santosh theatre near Chickpet, which is currently playing late actor Chiranjeevi Sarja's last movie *Shivarjuna*, which would have otherwise got thronged by Chiru's fans, had hardly a few visitors for the shows. "We are currently running four shows of Shivarjuna. Although we have a capacity of 1,000 seats, only 150-180 seats are being sold," said Manju Bidappa, manager of the theatre. He added that they are now pinning their hopes on next week for the numbers to pick up, because of the Dasara festival.

Theatres are following the government orders and maintaining an auditorium occupancy of 50 per cent, with alternate seats being left vacant. Ticket counters and food counters have floor markers in place to ensure that people maintain a safe distance. Roshan Ashoka, owner of Ashoka theatre in Hessarghatta, says even with a reduced occupancy, they are taking safety precautions very seriously. "Apart from all the government protocols we are also sanitising the seats after every show," he said. The theatre is also currently playing *Shivarjuna*. However, Ashoka pointed out that even the sentimental value of the movie could not bring many viewers to the theatre in the first week.

Not just single screen theatres, even multiplexes like PVR and Inox witnessed a similar experience. Officials told CE on the condition of anonymity that they too witnessed a footfall of 10-15 percent.

Some cinema halls in the city, however, decided to adopt the wait-and-watch approach. Srinivasa Theatre, located at SG Palya, remained closed during the weekend. "We are opening the theatre from Oct. 21 onwards, which will be closer to Dasara, so that we see a better response," a worker at the theatre said.



TRIBUTE SHOW

The Indian Institute of Cartoonists is organising a digital exhibition of R K Laxman's works for his 100th birth anniversary. **When:** Till October 27, **Where:** Facebook and Twitter pages of the institute

MOVIE MANIA

Travel might not be an option now but watching travel movies under the stars is. SCC SkyCinema at VR Mall is playing Into the Wild starring Emile Hirsch and Kristen Stewart, with a mattress seating arrangement **Venue:** SCC SkyCinema, VR Mall **Date:** Oct 24, 7.30pm onwards

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BROWNIE SHAKE SUNDAE

INGREDIENTS:

- **Fresh cream:** 1/2 cup
- **Semi-sweet dark chocolate:** 200gm
- **Milk:** 1 cup and Chocolate brownies
- **Chopped cashews, almonds, walnuts and Oreo biscuits**
- **Chocolate milk shake**
- **Vanilla ice-cream**
- **Chocolate wafers**

METHOD

- Mix the chocolate with the cream to make a thick sauce.
- Keep some sauce aside, blend the rest with milk till it resembles a milkshake.
- Cut your brownie into small squares and place them in a tall glass.
- Drizzle the sauce and add the Oreo biscuits and nuts to the brownie.
- Pour the milkshake and add a scoop of ice-cream.
- Top with some brownie crumbs, sauce, nuts and wafers.

— **Radhika D, Bengaluru**

FIT BIT

JALA NETI
(NASAL CLEANSING YOGA)

This is a traditional Ayurvedic and yogic practice that clears the nose and sinus passages through nasal irrigation. It is one of the six purifying techniques, called Shatkarma. Salted lukewarm water is used to remove the congestion and blockages in respiratory region. It helps to keep you free from many diseases and also facilitates smooth breathing. It is a healthy practice for mental well-being, increasing clarity of mind. It allows for full, free breathing, which increases the amount of prana or vital life energy that we absorb. It helps to promote higher states of awareness by stimulating the pituitary gland. It activates the Ajna chakra or the Third Eye.

STEPS

- Sit in Kagasana (Crow pose) keeping one foot distance between legs.
- Now, lean forward from the lower back.
- Then tilt your head to the opposite side of the nostril, whichever is more active at the moment.
- Fill a neti pot with water. Insert the nozzle into the nostril which is active at that moment.
- Open your mouth throughout this process and try to breathe through it.
- Let the water flow in through one nostril and out through the other nostril.
- After finishing half of the water of the neti pot, put it down and clear your nostril.
- The same should be done on the other side.
- After finishing on both sides, do forceful exhalation from both the nostrils.

BENEFITS

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LIMITATIONS

- After performing this kriya, either Kapalbhati or Bhastrika Pranayama has to be done to dry the nasal region.
- In the said breathing process, one shouldn't blow very hard.
- The proportion of salt in water should be kept in mind.
- Breathe through the mouth throughout the practice.
- Initially, seek the guidance of a yoga expert.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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- Cast: Rajkumar, Manjula

GOOGLY
Yash leads a carefree life until he meets Swathi at a college event. Their friendship turns into a mutual attraction, but a small misunderstanding causes them to part ways.
- Cast: Yash, Kriti Kharbanda

PUTTARAJU LOVER OF SHASHIKALA
Puttaraju tries everything to woo his classmate, Shashikala, but she has to leave school after her father gets transferred to Shivamogga.
- Cast: Amith Gowda, Jayashree Aradhya

VEERA
Muthu returns to his village and learns that the girl he wanted to marry is dead. In the city, he ends up marrying his boss's daughter. But, the previous girl returns and he's forced to marry her too.
- Cast: Rajnikanth, Meera, Roja, Janagaraj

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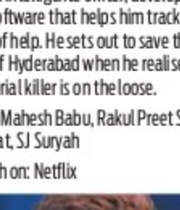

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- Watch on: Amazon prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

RUSTUM (Kannada)
The story revolves around a super cop who is sincere, brave and deadly. He is on a mission to end nexus of the organ trading mafia across the country and to take revenge for the brutal murder of his close friend.
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CHAMELI (Hindi)
Aman, a banker, and Chameli, a prostitute, meet during a downpour in Mumbai as they take shelter from the rain. Though they have nothing in common, they still form a bond and start talking about life.
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NILA (Tamil)
Childhood sweethearts meet years later and must decide whether or not to pursue their unrequited love and unexplored desires.
- Cast: Sruthi Hariharan, Vicky R, Sarvesh Sridhar
- Watch on: Netflix

PUTHAM PUDHU KAALAI (Tamil)
Putham Pudhu Kaalai brings together five of the most celebrated directors in Tamil cinema — Sudha Kongara, Gautham Menon, Suhasini Mani Ratnam, Rajiv Menon, and Karthik Subbaraj.
- Cast: Jayaram, Suhasini Mani Ratnam, Ritu Varma, Andrea Jeremiah, Bobby Simha
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SPYDER (Telugu)
Shiva, an intelligence officer, develops a phone software that helps him track those in need of help. He sets out to save the people of Hyderabad when he realises that a serial killer is on the loose.
- Cast: Mahesh Babu, Rakul Preet Singh, Bharat, SJ Suryah
- Watch on: Netflix

AADU (Malayalam)
Shaji Pappan's team wins a tug of war match and receives a cash prize, a trophy and a female goat as a reward. However, things change when the team members decide to butcher the goat.
- Cast: Jayasurya, Vijay Babu, Sunny Wayne, Saiju Kurup
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FOREIGN

A FANTASTIC WOMAN (Spanish)
Marina, a transgender nightclub singer, comes under suspicion when her much older lover Orlando dies suddenly. After being harassed and threatened by her late boyfriend's vengeful relatives and the police, she must defend her rights as both Orlando's partner and as a human being.
- Cast: Daniela Vega, Francisco Reyes, Luis Gnecco, Aline Kuppenheim
- Watch on: Mubi

THE LIE (English)
A father and daughter are on their way to dance camp when they spot the girl's best friend on the side of the road. When they stop to offer the friend a ride, their good intentions soon result in terrible consequences.
- Cast: Joey King, Peter Sarsgaard, Mireille Enos, Devery Jacobs
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

WHIPLASH (English)
Andrew enrols in a music conservatory to become a drummer. But he is mentored by Terence Fletcher, whose unconventional training methods push him beyond the boundaries of reason and sensibility.
- Cast: JK Simmons, Miles Teller, Melissa Benoist, Austin Stowell
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

THE BOYS IN THE BAND (English)
A visitor turns an evening upside down when he interrupts a gathering of gay men in New York City in 1968.
- Cast: Jim Parsons, Matt Bomer, Charlie Carver, Zachary Quinto
- Watch on: Netflix

Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year
Amazon Prime: ₹129 per month
Netflix: ₹199 per month
Mubi: ₹ 499 per month

CHEERING FOR CHANTS

Bengaluru-based 'shlokapreneur', Divyaa Doraiswamy, has collaborated with Spin a Yarn India, which works on preserving indigenous languages in India to benefit the younger generation

• Vidya Iyengar

The pandemic has brought with it anxiety and uncertainty, with many turning to spirituality. **Divyaa Doraiswamy**, the Bengaluru-based founder of Gurukulam – The Shloka Learning Centre, has collaborated with Spin A Yarn India, a partner of the United Nations Indigenous Language, and the Bhasha Sangam programmes, to give more children the opportunity to learn shlokas.

"Since we are trying to hold on to our roots, we have decided to share shlokas with kids every Monday with schools associated with Spin a Yarn," says Doraiswamy, whose setup has been an online shloka school since 2016.

"The pandemic hasn't really affected us. I, in fact, work longer hours now and there are kids who are waitlisted. Also, since we provide only one-on-one sessions, I am not able to give slots to every enquiry, and there is a queue. I had never imagined something like this," she says.

With children at home a whole lot of time, enrolments have gone up. In addition, Doraiswamy also has a few CEOs and professors from top institutions who learn purely for interest in the subject, or to learn to fight health issues. "During this pandemic, a lot of parents have enrolled their kids because they are seeing many behavioral issues since children have been at home since March. The kids are in the age group of 3-6 years. They are really small but are learning quickly with parents also putting in a lot of effort," she says.

With growing numbers, her future plans include a franchise model. In addition, she has also written to the Prime Minister's Office seeking intervention about how shloka education can be taken to the grass-roots level so that every child in the country benefits from learning the age-old Sanskrit verses.

Anup Deshmukh, storyteller-in-chief, Spin a Yarn India, explains that they are focused on preserving, protecting and promoting indigenous languages in India to benefit the younger generation by inviting the older generation to participate.

"As partners of the UNESCO Indigenous Language Programme and the Bhasha Sangam initiative started by the Government of India, our focus is on helping children understand the diversity of the numerous languages of our country, our heritage and culture via stories told in indigenous languages," says Deshmukh, adding that it is through language that we define our identity, express our history and culture, learn and participate in all aspects of society.

"Languages are not only the first medium for communication, education and social integration, but are also at the heart of each person's unique identity, cultural history and memory," he says.

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Designs of change

• Vidya Iyengar

Looking and feeling powerful inside out is **Namrataa Bhatia**'s mantra. "After all, both are an aspect of lifestyle," says the Bengaluru-based fashion designer. Bhatia, who prefers to call herself an "initiator of transformation" instead of a life coach, has been helping people become the best version of themselves.

Through her sessions called 'Audacity to be me', she has been helping a batch of 145 women from FICCI FLO, the women's wing of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry. "You can't really be a part of someone's journey but you can be a guide," she says.

Having experienced great highs and lows herself, Bhatia has preferred to turn to books rather than "run to a human being." She adds: "It's also about bettering myself and finding that divine friend within. There are dark patches when you don't believe that there's a life ahead of you. But a little shift will change that perspective."

Often, she comes across people who are low on confidence, conflicted and plagued by negative thoughts. But her programmes – designed after reading scriptures and psychology – are aimed at helping one live life to the fullest and bring out their potential. While it is a closed programme, she will be announcing details for sessions that will reach out to larger groups at the end of the month. The one-hour sessions also comprise gratitude and meditation segments. "For instance, we might do a heart meditation, where we ask participants to recall some experiences they've gone through, and some moments they have been grateful for," says Bhatia. The sessions are priced in the range of₹3,000-5,000 for group programmes while one-on-one counselling costs ₹2,500-10,000 per session.

"My mission is to enable individuals to harness their potential of limitless possibilities. Through a transformative initiation process, people can bring about positive change in their personalities which will not only aid in adapting to dynamic cultural and social changes with ease but also give them abundant opportunities to grow in their professional and personal lives," she says, adding that this self-actualisation will help them lead a more centred, value-based, balanced and enriching life. "This will contribute to the happiness and harmony of society. The time to change, and be the change you want to see, is now," says Bhatia.

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—Husna Sait, fashion designer

Tamanna Pasha, transformation coach

SHADES FOR ALL MOODS

• Express Features

A good and versatile pair of sunglasses, which can pep up anyone's style within no time, is essential in everyone's wardrobe. To spoil you with more options, Owndays, a Japanese retailer brand, recently opened its first store in Bengaluru and the sixth one in the country.

The launch, which took place earlier this month, was a studded with well-known faces from the city, like fashion designer Husna Sait, former model and transformation coach Tamanna Pasha, and others.

"Sunglasses are such a superior accessory and they are one of my favourites. I have different brands in my wardrobe and among those I have been collecting are Owndays, which has been one of the largest players in the fashion eyewear segment," said Sait, adding that this was the first launch she attended after the lockdown.

Husna Sait

Already an established brand in 12 countries, including Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and Thailand, this Japanese brand has more than 1,500 styles to offer. "We offer both sunglasses and glass frames. Apart from its wide range of designs, another USP of the company is its 20-minute process, which means that the lab will be in the showroom and you can receive your order within 20 minutes," says Sanjay Malhotra, business head, India. According to Malhotra, they are expecting the store to have a better footfall once the Covid situation gets better. "With festive season coming in, sunglasses become a great gifting option. Apart from that, it is just about having a nice accessory in your wardrobe," he adds.

Singers in making

Yash and Radhika Pandit's little girl Ayra is quite talented, and the proud mommy took to Instagram to show off. She posted an old video of Ayra singing a classical song, saying, "She sings it much better now, this was recorded in June. Youngest fan in our house of the legend Pt. Bhimsen Joshi. 'Sada enna hrudayadali vasa mado, Sri Hari Nadamurthy ninna pada modadinda bhajisuve..' On this note, wishing all of u a very Happy Navratri Navaratri Habbada Shubhashegalu" Previously, she had posted a video of father and son singing the nursery rhyme, Johnny Johnny, saying, "Lockdown diaries : One Johnny and Another (a rather impatient one)". The videos started getting attention from the film faternity, including Shanvi Srivastava and Danish Sait. Seems like it's a house full of talent.

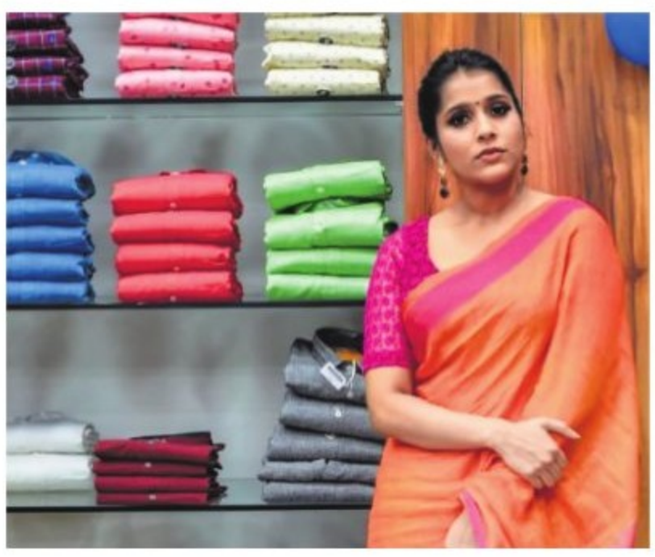
CITY READ

School organises drive- through flu clinic

Canadian International School, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Aster CMI Hospital, held an annual drive-through flu clinic on their campus in Yelahanka. The event allowed families to get their flu vaccine shots without having to step out of their vehicles.

Counselling for Ph.D programme

Bangalore University (BU) has scheduled the admission to Ph.D programme in the post graduate departments of BU on October 22 at 10 am. The first round of counselling will be held at the respective post graduate departments in the Jnanabharathi Campus, and for the Ph.D programme in engineering courses, counselling will be held at UVCE, K. R Circle.



Lining up linen

• Express Features

With the festive season round the corner, Linen House launched their first store in the state, in Malleswaram, on Sunday. It was inaugurated by actor-anchor **Rashmi Gautam** in the presence of movie director Tirupati Rao, franchise owner Shankar, and Avirneni Srikanth, the director of the brand.

Gautam, who was donning an orange linen saree, said she hopes that the brand, which has made its mark in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, gets the same kind of popularity in Bengaluru. Linen House offers textile material, readymade clothing and pure linen sarees. The price of the fabric starts at ₹399 while readymade garments are available for ₹995 onwards. "Lenin House is aiming to expand to 15 stores in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the next six months," Srikanth said.

NUGGETS

Oktoberfest in town

Oktoberfest, a 200-year-old German tradition comes to B'luru with sausages and strudels. Dublin, ITC Windsor, is putting together treats like Buttermilk Chicken, Currywurst & Fries, Warm Potato Salad & Bavarian Style Camembert Cheese Dip. Sweet treats like Cherry Apfelstrudel and German Chocolate Cake are also on the menu. It is available for dine-in and takeaway, till Oct.31.

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

HOW TO BECOME THE INDEFATIGABLE GAMER

Everyone wants to be the tenacious gamer, persisting despite a thousand defeats. Why? Maybe we believe that in-game failures make us tolerant of those IRL. We invested in the game for too long for us to let it go right now, that even a sliver of hope of a win keeps us going. I am joking. It's not that deep. It is because we are bored, and videogames give us trophies and level-ups. The elements required to become the indefatigable gamer are minimal. All you have to do is choose the right game.

There are a few complex terms to digest, but that is what I am here to help you with anyway. First, you choose a game that is not roguelike. A typical roguelike game moves you from dungeon to dungeon. And it is a horrifying 'What's behind the door' game, where every time you open the same door, there lies another challenge. Roguelikes also have permadeath. It means that if you die in the game, you restart -- from the start. You may not be surprised to hear that games with permadeath can cause 'Rage Quit'. 'Rage Quits' are the bane of wannabe-indefatigable gamers. Anger is not our friend.

Now that the complex jargon is underway, I introduce the exception. It is this game called 'Hades'. Despite checking the roguelike and permadeath boxes, and being situated in Hell itself, Hades is very fun. We play as Zagreus, the son of Hades. Zagreus is in a rebellious phase, fighting with the monsters of his father's kingdom, so he can leave home. Along the way, he meets several of the Olympians, who lend him their powers to defeat the monsters in each room. The lack of skill requirements makes the game playable by all. The artwork is fresh, and the music is lively. The dialogues are uncharacteristically droll for a videogame featuring the Underworld.

There are many different ways in which you can build Zagreus' skills. The very easy controls and the colourful combat makes you want to try it repeatedly so that you live (or remain in the Underworld) long enough to see the story unravel. So you see, becoming the Indefatigable Gamer after playing Hades is inevitable. Hades came out of Early Access last month, and is available for the PC and Nintendo Switch. I give the game a full 12/12 Olympians because, in addition to the fun combat, I can also pet Cerberus the dog.

A still from *Roberrt*

DARSHAN'S *ROBERRT* LOOKS FOR A CHRISTMAS RELEASE

Tharun Kishore Sudhir's directorial, produced by Umapathy S Gowda, is likely to hit theatres on December 25 to cash in on holiday season

● A Sharadhaa

Here's some good news for fans of Challenging Star Darshan, as well as theatre owners who are looking for a big film release. Darshan-starrer *Roberrt,* which is one of the most anticipated films of the year, is likely to have a Christmas release. Directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir and produced by Umapathy S Gowda, the film may hit theatres on December 25. The team, which is planning to release it in Kannada as well as Telugu, feels that the holiday season ahead of the New Year will be a suitable time. The final decision is, however, yet to be taken followed with an official announcement. "*Roberrt* was initially supposed to get released on April 9, but the date got pushed ahead due to the pandemic. We have already seen a delay of eight months. Since the film is ready, we are looking at releasing it in December-end, around Christmas," says Umapathy, who doesn't want to keep the fans waiting for long. "As a producer, I am chalking out the release plan, and will get a clear picture after a round of discussion with actor Darshan and director Tharun Sudhir," he added.

Roberrt, bankrolled by Umapathy Films, has created a frenzy with its posters, first look, and teaser. The emotional mass thriller brings together the actor, director and producer for the first time, and fans are excited to watch Darshan featuring in different shades. With Asha Bhat making her debut, the ensemble cast comprises Jagapathi Babu as the antagonist, along with Vinod Prabhakar, Sonal Monteiro, Ravi Kishan, Shivaraj K R Pete, Chikkanna and Dharmanna Kadur appearing in prominent roles. Roberrt has music composed by Arjun Janya while Sudhakar S Raj is the cinematographer.

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A still from *Act 1978*

Director Mansore's *Act 1978* to hit theatres in November

The director of *Harivu* and *Nathicharami* has come up with a social thriller, starring Yagna Shetty, for his next

● CE Features

With theatres reopening under the new pandemic norms, filmmakers are gearing up to bring their movies to theatres. And among the first ones to hit the screens will be director Mansore's *Act 1978* in November. The National Award-winning director of films like *Harivu*, and *Nathicharami* has come up with a women-centric subject, which he has written and directed.

Yagna Shetty, Pramod Shetty, B Suresha, Shruthi, and Achyuth Kumar will be among the 28 artistes who are part of the project. The film has been censored with a U certificate, and Mansore now wants to bring the film to theatres. "I am taking a risk releasing the movie amid the pandemic situation. Having said that, I am confident about the content and am hoping the audience will come to watch the film. I will be announcing the official release date on Nov 1. However, in all likelihood, *Act 1978* will be released post Deepavali," says the director.

Mansore has piqued the audience's curiosity with the poster featuring a pregnant woman holding a pistol and a walkie talkie, with bombs tied to her waist. In his earlier interview, the filmmaker mentioned that he has based the subject on a true incident that took place in a government hospital in Bengaluru. He had also said that the the film explores the relationship between urbanisation and alienation, and between a father and son.

Act 1978, made under D Creations, has Satya Hegde cranking the camera. Music is scored by Rahul Shivakumar to lyrics written by Jayanth Kaikini, while Santhosh Panchal is in change of the art department.

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Michael B Jordan to produce DC film *Static Shock*

● CE Features

Hollywood star Michael B Jordan and his banner, Outlier Society, will be producing the movie adaptation of DC comic book Static Shock. The project was announced at the DC FanDome event by Reginald Hudlin in August.

The character of Static, aka Virgil Hawkins, was created by Milestone Media and DC Comics in the 90s. The character is a teen who transforms into a superhero with electromagnetic powers.

"I'm proud to be part of building a new universe centered around Black superheroes; our community deserves that," Jordan said in a statement. "Outlier Society is committed to bringing to life diverse comic book content across all platforms and we are excited to partner with Reggie and Warner Bros on this initial step," he added.

Jordan, known for movies such as *Creed, Fruitvale Station, Black Panther* and *Just Mercy,* will next star in Amazon's *Without Remorse*. The actor is also set to work with Hollywood veteran Denzel Washington in his next directorial, *Journal For Jordan.*

VASISHTA SIMHA'S *KAALACHAKRA* TO BE REMADE IN MALAYALAM

● CE Features

Vasishta N Simha-starrer *Kaalachakra,* directed by Sumant Kranthi, will get a Malayalam remake soon. One of Mollywood's leading producers loved the story of *Kaalachara* and has picked up the film's rights. Detailed information of the production house, star cast and technical crew to be part of Malayalam project will be released by the team soon.

This news has brought joy to Vasishta, who is happy that his film has created a demand in another language. The actor, who has experimented with character-driven and antagonist roles, played the lead role in *Kaalachakra* — a suspense thriller with elements of emotions, and a subject which revolves around the difficulties of life.

The film, made under the banner Rashmi Films, has msuic Gurukiran and cinematography by L M Soori. *Kaalachakra* features Raksha as the female lead opposite Vasishta and also stars actors such as Suchendra Prasad, Avika Rathod, and Deepak Shetty.

A still from *Kaalachakra*

Bobby Deol-starrer *Aashram: Chapter 2* to premiere on Nov 11

● CE Features

Prakash Jha's debut web-series *Aashram* will be back for a second chapter on November 11, streaming platform MX Player announced today. The show, headlined by Bobby Deol as the diabolic Kashipur-waale Baba Nirala, has registered over 400Mn streams since launch, the makers revealed.

Elaborating on the same, Prakash Jha said, "We've all worked very hard and with a lot of passion on this series and the response from the audience has made every bit of that worthwhile. Hope this new chapter will continue to excite the audiences."

ARMY OF THE DEAD PREQUEL CAST CONFIRMED

● CE Features

Director Zack Snyder, is awaiting the release of his zombie heist film titled *Army of the Dead* on Netflix. Even before its release, Netflix had greenlit a prequel film. Snyder recently revealed the cast of the film along with the news that it will be shot in Germany and Prague this week. Releasing a photo, Synder confirmed that the prequel will star Nathalie Emmanuel, Stuart Martin, Schweighöfer, Guz Khan, and Ruby O'Fee.

Teen actor Xochitl Gomez joins *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*

● CE Features

Teen actor Xochitl'Gomez has joined the cast of Benedict Cumberbatch's *Doctor Strange 2.* The movie, titled *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness,* will feature Cumberbatch reprising his role of the titular superhero. The sequel will be directed by Sam Raimi after Scott Derrickson, who helmed the first part, exited the project over creative differences.

The details of Gomez's character has been kept under wraps. The actor is best known for starring in Netflix series *The Baby-Sitters Club.* Benedict Wong and Chiwetel Ejiofor are also expected to reprise their characters from 2016's *Doctor Strange.*

The film will also feature Elizabeth Olsen reprising her Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) role of Wanda Maximoff aka Scarlet Witch. Its story would blend into the events of her upcoming Disney Plus series WandaVision.

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness will be out on March 25, 2022. Besides his own solo project, Cumberbatch is also slated to make an appearance in Tom Holland-starrer *Spider-Man 3,* which will hit the theatres on December 17, 2021 worldwide.